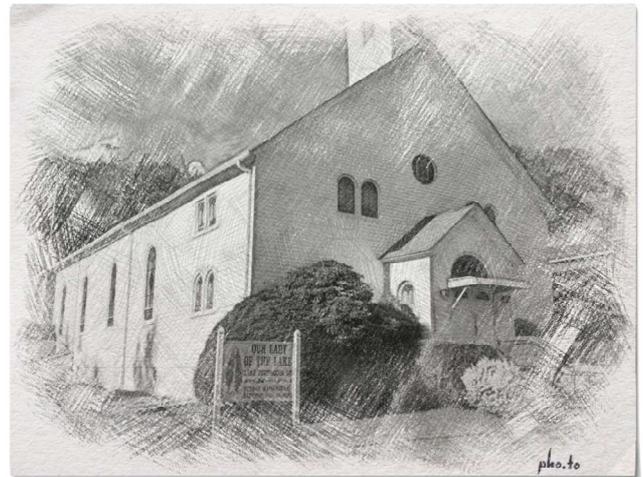


# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2019



## 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

### Confessions & Daily Mass

At St. Francis Xavier

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Regularly scheduled on available Sundays of each month after our last Mass. Arrangements are made by contacting the Rectory. One Godparent is required and must be 14, confirmed, a practicing Catholic, and 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.

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Dear Parish Family,

Back in the 1970's, I remember being zealous for the Lord, at least I thought it was zeal. I was in the Legion of Mary. We were like Catholic Jehovah Witnesses. We worked our ministry and did our apostolic work in a variety of ways in downtown and lower Manhattan, basically looking for "lost sheep!" Thankfully, it was probably at Saint Francis of Assisi Bookstore on W 31<sup>st</sup> Street that I first encountered the book, *Humility of Heart*, by Fr. Cajetan Mary da Bergamo. There in the Introduction I read:

The rock on which the Ladies of Charity and other lay people, who are zealous to help the clergy in apostolic work for souls, so often [is founded] is one or other of the many forms of pride. They are unwilling to be guided, to be contradicted, to be restrained in their ardor. They see and above all *feel* things so clearly, so keenly, that they cannot imagine that they are going too fast, doing too much and perhaps spoiling other good work done by persons who deserve consideration. They fully realize that they are impelled by zeal and enthusiasm, and that no one just now comes up to them; but they do not know and realize how unsteady and fickle they really are, and that it will require only a very moderate amount of coldness or contradiction to throw them off the line, and to discourage and fill them with such feelings of annoyance and indifference, as will lead them to throw up everything in disgust. Thus they end by doing more harm than they have done good. And all this because they are wanting in the first principles of humility.

This seemed to push some buttons because it seemed to more accurately describe me in this ministry than how I initially thought of myself. It had to be blindness! I think if we're lucky, we learn that there is a lot of stuff woven into us that we don't see completely, but can and does surface. This can apply to any of us. It can happen with the experience of returning to the Church and the Sacraments where we can mistake the strength, consolation, and protection God gives us to support our weakness as something which is now ours.

In our Second Reading, Saint Paul is speaking to the Galatians, and us, with the encouragement to "live by the Spirit" (Gal 5:16). He is contrasting the difference between the freedom we can have as disciples of Jesus and that slavery that comes with sin. He is not talking of a simple "fall" into sin here. He is talking about sin which has mastery over us. This "slavery" idea might seem far-fetched. However, we can be slaves to sin and not even be truly aware of it, repressing it deep down in our psyche.

In a flyer I wrote on Spiritual Direction years ago, I quoted something from Archbishop Fénelon, in which he gives us a look at how our dark side can appear while advancing spiritually. It is part of the self-discovery process we have to undergo to grow as spiritual persons:

As light increases, we see ourselves to be worse than we thought. We are amazed at our former blindness as we see issuing forth from the depths of our heart a whole swarm of shameful feelings, like filthy reptiles crawling from a hidden cave. We never could have believed that we harbored such things, and we stand aghast as we watch them gradually appear. But we must be neither amazed nor disheartened. We are not worse than we were; on the contrary, we are better. But while our faults diminish, the light by which we see them waxes brighter, and we are filled with horror. Bear in mind, for your own comfort, that we only perceive our malady when the cure begins. So long as there is no sign of cure, we are unconscious of the depth of our disease; we are in a state of blind presumption and hardness; the prey

of self-delusion. While we go with the stream, we are unconscious of its rapid course; but when we begin to stem it ever so little, it makes itself felt.

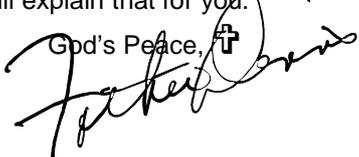
Yes, it makes itself felt because, as Saint Paul tells us, "*The flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want*" (Gal 5:17). It is only that the Holy Spirit is active that this "war"-ing — this Spiritual Combat — exists at all. Otherwise, we just follow the stream, nothing but slaves to sin; and, may I say: too blind to see it! Yes, what we don't know (even about ourselves) can hurt us and others too! Remember the words I quoted before from contemporary theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar: "Sin Obscures Sight."

The disciple can use these teachings as one more way of following the Master. We see, in the example of the saints, how one can grow in sanctity, which is the road to our happiness, even though it may not feel like that in the process, or in the beginning. For instance, things can get pretty nasty. Listen to what Saint Paul is describing to the Galatians about their behavior: "*If you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another*" (Gal 5:15). These are early Christians. These are Churchgoers! Some of these people were tearing each other apart! This is not limited to the Early Church. It still happens.

No wonder that Jesus wants us to deny ourselves and die to self. Actually, it's the only way we can truly live — i.e. live and be happy. Happiness requires freedom. Freedom requires that we are no longer slaves to sin. This process is described well in the *Book of Hebrews*: "*Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith*" (Heb 12:1-4).

It's not easy at all, and it's more difficult if we usually want things "our way." Pride can lead us to believe we can say, like the disciples in the gospel, "*I will follow you wherever you go*" (Lk 9:57). Jesus assures us that this is not easy! Saint Paul gives some pretty simple sounding advice today: just keep one of the commandments, "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*," again not easy! Saint John, gives us the true test of this, saying, "*If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen*" (1 Jn 4:20), and also, "*Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love*" (1 Jn 4:8). One priest explained this in a homily this way: "We love God to the extent we love the person we dislike the most!" Don't believe it? Try to prove it wrong using the words of Jesus, especially because he ups the ante, "*Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you*" (Mt 5:44). This requires a whole lot of grace!

Our goal, says Father Nicholas Grou, is to grow in the love of God. We can all do it, he says, "It is a love infinitely pure in its origin and in the habit infused in the soul of every Christian at baptism, and it will always be pure in its acts, whatever the motive, provided the disordered love of self does not spoil it by its unworthy claims" (I wish I could add two more paragraphs of what he says here). For instance, one big obstacle is not including our neighbor. If you want to justify yourself in this regard, like the man in the Saint Luke's gospel, and ask the question, "*And who is my neighbor?*," you will have to go to Luke 10:29, ff., and Jesus will explain that for you.

God's Peace, ✠  




**Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/OFFICE CLOSED**

**Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO MASS/OFFICE CLOSED**

*Bringing Jesus to Planned Parenthood  
through Mary*



*Come and Pray the Rosary to end abortion  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 1:00pm  
outside Planned Parenthood  
14 Prince St., Monticello  
Gather at St. Peter's Church, Monticello  
following the 12:15pm Mass*

*For more information, please call:  
Jane at 845-292-4647*

**For anyone struggling  
with divorce or separation**

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. There is prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teachings, and it is 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](http://www.nonnatus.org) or call, text, or email the director of the foundation at 215-870-9913/director.srnf@gmail.com.

**PTAF**

**Christian Leadership Conference**

**Forming Catholic Leaders for the Church**

**July 9-14**

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

**Topics:**

**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**

*Please call the office at 252-6681 if your teen is interested in attending!*

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

SFX 4:30pm -Barbara Walter  
 Requested by Al & Linda Smith  
 -Carmela Giordano  
 Requested by Al & Linda Smith

**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

OLL 9:00am -Barbara Walter  
 Requested by Dorothy Schultz

SFX 11:00am -David Kelly  
 Requested by Betty Kelly  
 -Ernie Bendana  
 Requested by Wendell & Lillian Putz

**Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

SFX 6:30pm -Our Parish Family

**Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

SFX 8:30am -Tim Hubert  
 Requested by The Family

**Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

NO MASS (Office Closed)

**Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

NO MASS (Office Closed)

**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

SFX 4:30pm -Edward Schultz  
 Requested by Dorothy Schultz

**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

OLL 9:00am -Stan Rembish  
 Requested by The Guttzeit Family

SFX 11:00am -Barbara Walter  
 Requested by Regina Moran

# Collection

June 22/23, 2019

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

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| St. Francis Xavier   | \$969.00 |
| Our Lady of the Lake | \$384.00 |

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

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| St. Francis Xavier   | \$609.00 |
| Our Lady of the Lake | \$288.00 |

**Other (R & M)**

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| St. Francis Xavier | \$8.00 |
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## Total

**\$2,258.00**

## Readings

1 Kings 19:16b. 19-21  
 Galatians 5:1, 13-18  
 Luke 9:51-62

## Please note:

**Anyone using the refrigerator in the upstairs parish hall must clean up after they are finished and keep the fridge clean and free of spoiled/outdated foods. Also, *THE DISHWASHER AND FRIDGE CANNOT BE ON AT THE SAME TIME-IT WILL BLOW THE CIRCUIT and the fridge will remain off allowing the food to spoil.* If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 252-6681. Thank you for your cooperation.**

## Please Pray for our Parish Family

**For the Sick:** Christina Hubert, Lydia Newton, Kenneth “Boomer” Meyer, Jane Cutita, Bonnie Feeler, Judy Tufo, Connie Moser, Elizabeth Stoddard, Pam Kocher, Vincent Gentile, Kathleen Jamieson, Peter O’Leary Jr.

**For the Deceased:** Mary Weiden, Muriel Maers, Stan Rembish, Eugene Harrison, Terry McCarthy, John Werner, Lillian Yacino, James Lingle, Patricia Lyons, Peggy Lee Romano, Emory Robert Kaub, Muriel F. Edwards, Andrew Casimir, Barbara Walter, Jessica Hartley

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