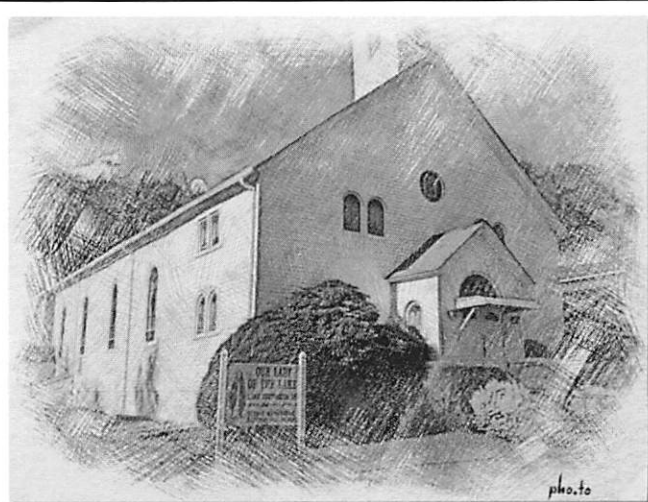
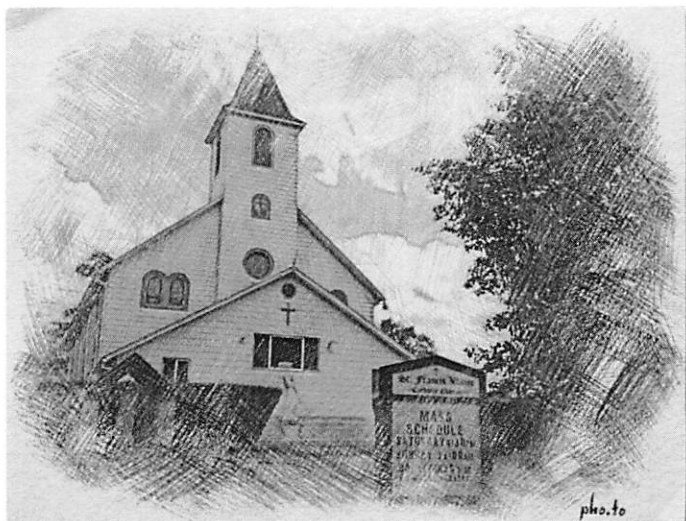


# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019



## St. Francis Xavier Church

151 Bridge St., Narrowsburg

### Masses

Saturday 4:30pm  
Sunday 11:00am  
Daily (Tuesday & Thursday) 6:30pm  
Daily (Wednesday & Friday) 8:30am

### Confessions

Saturdays 4:00pm  
Or by appointment

## Our Lady of the Lake Church

Rt. 52, Lake Huntington

### Masses

Sunday 8:30am

### 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.

### **REV. DENNIS M. DINAN, PASTOR**

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Dear Parish Family,

Today, Jesus sets before us two attitudes (tendencies): pride and humility. While pride (**arrogance**) is a **vice**, humility is a **virtue**. As a vice, pride is an immoral and wicked behavior. As a virtue, on the other hand, humility is a moral strength that seeks perfection. Pride destroys the proud and also destroys others; humility perfects the humble and enlightens others. Thus, “everyone who exalts himself (proud) will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:11).

Pride is humanity’s greatest undoing. It is the feeling of deep pleasure derived from one’s own achievements, consciousness of one’s own dignity, and the quality of having an excessively high opinion. It is the foolish presumption that, because you have power, wealth, position, opportunities, and influence, you are better than others, leading you to scorn them. The highest form of pride is disdain for God.

When you scorn or have disdain for God, you seek to topple him from being the supreme, the omnipotent and omniscient. Satan tried and failed. Envious of the privileges that God has conferred on man at creation, privileges that he (Satan) has lost because of his disobedience and arrogance, he (Satan) made it his mission to deprive other creatures from enjoying God’s favors. The first sin he made Adam and Eve to commit is become proud. Satan (the serpent) told them that God didn’t want them to **be like God** that is why He (God) forbade them from eating of the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden (Genesis 3:5). Adam and Eve allowed themselves to be deceived. The serpent was not offering them something new but pretended he was. Adam and Eve were already **like God**; they were created in the **image of God** (Gen 1:26). The sin of pride is a desire to become who you are not. In wanting to become who you are not, you ignore the importance of who you are. Adam and Eve, although **created in the image of God**, wanted to be more than what they were. It is like denying the fact that you were created and assuming the position of the creator.

The sin of pride is prevalent in our society today. People presume to be better than others. When you presume to be better than other human beings like you, you make yourself a superhuman. The unfortunate think in making oneself superhuman is the fact that one’s **imperfections become super**. No one can deny the fact that human beings are imperfect and finite. Thus, when any human being pretends to be superhuman, his/her imperfections become **superbly imperfect**. The higher you place yourself, the greater your finiteness and imperfections.

As you presume to be better than others, you fall into the sin of envy; you cannot stand to see others succeed. It must always be you; and if you can’t make it, others have no right to make it. You live a frustrated life because you keep trying to put people down so that you remain at the top. The more you try to push other down, the more powerless you become because God keeps bringing them up. Why then engage in futility? So, the first reading of today says, “humble yourself the more, the greater you are” (Sirach 3:18). In essence, it is not a crime to want to excel in life. It becomes a crime when you, in trying to excel, pull others down. The higher you get, the more conscious you should become that **only those who are up can fall**. The man who is humble (on the ground [*humus*= soil] is already down. Where can he fall to? The humble does not seek what is too sublime nor search for things beyond his/strength.

When you are humble, you acknowledge that you are human. Being human, you recognize that you are not alone but amongst other human beings. And because you are imperfect, you need the help of other humans like you, and ultimately need the help of the supreme God. When God blesses you with wealth, power, or position, use it to uplift others; alms atone for sins. Jesus calls us to attend to the need and blessed indeed we shall be because we shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.

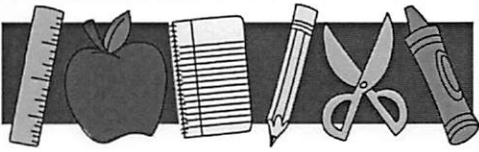
If you want to enjoy the esteem of your companions as Jesus admonishes, choose the lowest place at the feast so that the host may give you a higher position. **You are not the host; God is** and He alone can take you up. God will take us all up in Christ Jesus. This Jesus, calls on us to take his yoke and learn from him; he is meek and humble of heart. Although in the form of God, he did not count equality with God but humbled himself by becoming a slave who died on the cross. He thus has become the mediator of a new covenant; his sprinkled blood speaks more eloquently than that of Abel. That is, his blood brings about justice to those on which it is sprinkled.

If you make God the supreme authority over your life, he will lead you into prosperity and restore you. You shall become his cherished inheritance on which He showers a bountiful rain. There is no gain in being haughty (proud); but there is more than we can ever imagine when we humbly submit ourselves to God. As St Paul writes, “God shall supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). God will surely put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt the lowly (Luke 1:52). Be humble that God may exalt you!

Peace be with you!



# Catholic EDUCATION



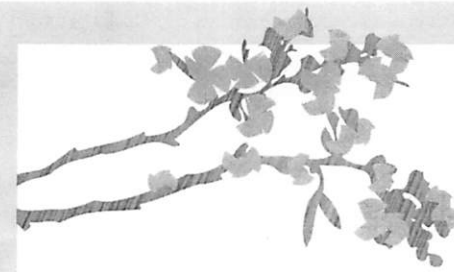
Religious Education begins Sunday, September 8 at St. Francis Xavier Church from 9:50am-10:50am.

Classes are open to children in grades K-8. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please fill out a registration form found at the back of the church.

For more information, please contact Paddy McCarthy at (845) 932-8639.

## Please note:

Religious Education classes begin next week. Therefore, Sunday Masses at Our Lady of the Lake will begin at 8:30am until further notice.



ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE PARISH IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION TO FATHER JOEL

AT A DESSERT RECEPTION

SEPT 8, 2019  
AFTER 11:00 AM MASS  
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH HALL

For more information contact: Pat @845-252-7373 or Linda @ 845-252-7547



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# SPEAK UP!

## NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

OCTOBER 19, 2019  
Westchester County Center



### NY Catholic Youth Day

A great opportunity for teens to connect with other teens across the Archdiocese. Music, theater, speakers, Mass with Cardinal Dolan, Adoration, packing meals for the hungry, workshops, and more!

Visit [www.oymny/nycyvd](http://www.oymny/nycyvd) for more information.

## Readings

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

SFX 4:30pm -Ken Russell  
Requested by Lillian Russell

## Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

OLL 9:00am -Our Parish Family  
SFX 11:00am -Martin Ferrick  
Requested by Helen Barr

## Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

NO MASS

## Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

SFX 6:30pm -Our Parish Family

## Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

SFX 8:30am -Our Parish Family

## Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

SFX 6:30pm -Our Parish Family

## Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

SFX 8:30am -Margaret Ellen Greer  
Requested by Wendell & Lillian Putz

## Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

SFX 4:30pm -Our Parish Family

## Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

OLL 8:30am -Michael Preis  
Requested by Mary Jane Nober  
SFX 11:00am -Helen Gutzzeit  
Requested by The Gutzzeit Family

# Collections

## August 10/11, 2019

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

St. Francis Xavier	\$1,063.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$323.00

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Church in Africa)

St. Francis Xavier	\$319.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$147.00

### Other(R & M)

St. Francis Xavier	\$40.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$5.00

**Total**  
**\$1,897.00**

## August 14/15, 2019 (Assumption Holyday)

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

St. Francis Xavier	\$194.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$255.00

**Total**  
**\$449.00**

## August 17/18, 2019

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

St. Francis Xavier	\$946.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$345.00

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Capital Improvements)

St. Francis Xavier	\$570.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$167.00

### Other (R & M)

Our Lady of the Lake	\$55.00
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**Total**  
**\$2,083.00**

## August 24/25, 2019

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

St. Francis Xavier	\$1,062.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$387.00

**Total**  
**\$1,449.00**

## 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., Jessica Hartley  
**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, John Hartley, Eileen Dempsey, Christopher Kells  
**For those Serving in the Military:** Justin Warnick, Joseph A. Choffo IV, Carmen Hamstrom, Joseph R. Gonzalez