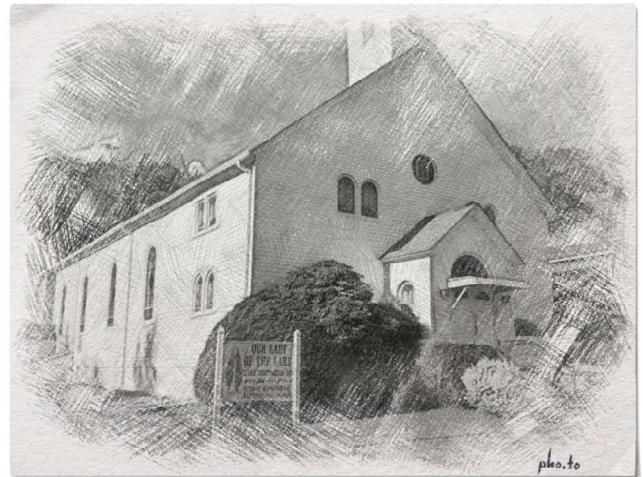


# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 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 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,

Our founders believed the principles on which our Country was founded, and our Independence declared, could not be sustained aside from dependence on Divine Providence. In his Farewell Address, #27, President Washington, stated, "Let it simply be asked, 'Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice?'" He did not believe we could survive otherwise. He insisted, "Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports." These he said are the "great pillars of human happiness" the "great props" we should not cease to build. To "subvert" these he thought was the very opposite of true Patriotism. He ends this paragraph with a real concern, "And let us with caution indulge the supposition ... that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

In our First Reading, we hear "*Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her*" (Is 66:10). The image given to us by Sacred Scripture is that of a Mother that feeds and nourishes her people. This reinforced by the prophet Ezekiel. He calls Jerusalem's inhabitants: a people "*who dwell at the navel of the earth*" (Ezek 38:12). We say things like "Alma Mater;" but I cannot think of another city that is referred to as a Mother. Yet this is what God used to show his desire to feed not only the Jewish people, but all humankind. Jerusalem, the great city! Just as babies receive all their nourishment through their navel and umbilical cord, God wanted to feed the world through her.

Seen in a bigger context than the city alone, Jerusalem was the capital of Israel, which has a very interesting history. We go back to the *Book of Genesis* and the story of Abraham and we see God promising him a land that his descendents will inhabit. We see later, these are people in slavery. God calls them to himself and rescues them to bring them to the Promised Land. In the process, God has Moses tell Pharaoh: "*Israel is my son, my first-born*" (Ex 4:22). A first-born son had certain privileges, but also definite duties. For one, they were to care for their other siblings. Thus, if Israel was God's first-born, then God wanted it to take care of its sibling nations of the world. Only God could support such a vision that all peoples would be nourished through the blessings he would bestow on this smallest of nations, expressly Jerusalem.

God himself thus formed this nation from an exiled people, as a "Mother of Exiles" and then a Mother to the world. Today's reading hints of this, "*Thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap. As a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.*" (Is 66:12-13).

This was met with repeated failure through no fault of anyone except Israel. Instead of evangelizing and sharing their spiritual treasures and wisdom with others, they became ensnared time and time again by pagan nations and their practices. This happened even before reaching the Promised Land. Remember the Golden Calf? (see Ex 32:1, ff.) and the Moabites? (see Num 22:36, ff.). There was a real glimmer of hope later when King David turned the kingdom over to his son Solomon. We see nations and people like the Queen of Sheba, hearing of Solomon's wisdom and fame, coming to learn from him (See 1 Ki 10:1, ff.), until he too is corrupted and ends in disgrace. Continued failures persist until God sends his Son to build a new "*holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband*" (Rev 21:2), which is the Church. The mission would be the same, called to reach out to the world and to "*go out to the highways and hedgerows and make people come in that [the Master's] home may be filled*" (Lk 14:23). Today's Gospel reflects that mission. Jesus requires that his disciples participate in his mission. We read, "*He sent [disciples] ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit*" (Lk

10:1). They were to prepare the people for him.

Nothing has changed since; and, as citizens of the United States, we should see the extra special role we have to play in this. Just as God raised up the nation Israel to be a "Mother of Exiles," we must notice the similarities present in the formation of our country. How did our ancestors get here? Why did they come? What were they looking for? Most of them, in one way or another, were all exiles from their countries. Have you been to the Statue of Liberty? Have you read the inscription on the bronze plaque in the exhibit on the second floor of the pedestal called "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus? If not, I am sure you will recognize at least some of its words:

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

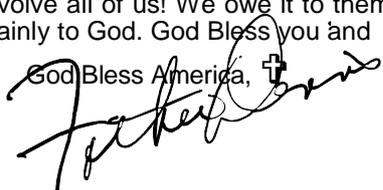
It claims that, like Israel, this great nation of ours is the new "*Mother of Exiles.*" The exiles that scrambled here from every nation knew the tyranny, oppression, persecution, economic woes and other difficulties they left behind. From its birth, settlers of our country and their thinking, represented by the Founders, sought a freedom that only God could give because God was the one from whom they saw our human rights flow. As penned by Deacon Keith Fournier in a Catholic.org article, our forebears "were trusting in the primacy of the Governance of God over their own lives and their noble undertaking."

We are at a defining moment in our country, when we see our morals and then our freedoms begin to erode and slip away. We are a nation based on principles that have kept us as a free people. We've been an inspiration to our neighbors throughout the world. With them and for them we have stood up against all forms of tyranny and injustice because we believed that all peoples are endowed with the same rights championed by our land, written into our laws, based on our Constitution, and which every public servant and elected official is bound to swear to defend. We have exported our goodness and wisdom wherever we could. But our government no longer stands with the greats like Thomas Jefferson, whose words still speak from the Memorial built in his honor: "God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"

Celebrating our Independence this week, we need not fear government—not in this nation! We need government!—but Big Government as was once stated in a Letter to the Editor! I don't mean expansive, expensive government, but BIG because, as President Abraham Lincoln said at Gettysburg:

*It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*

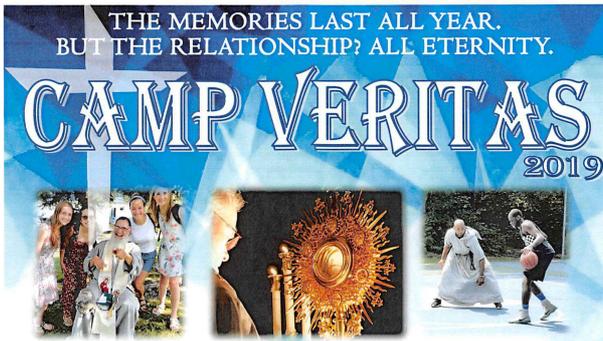
Yeah! It's gotta involve all of us! We owe it to them, to us, to our children, and mainly to God. God Bless you and

God Bless America, 

THE MEMORIES LAST ALL YEAR.  
BUT THE RELATIONSHIP? ALL ETERNITY.

# CAMP VERITAS

2019



A WEEK LONG "PLAY AND PRAY" PILGRIMAGE & SUMMER CAMP FOR TEENS ENTERING GRADES 7-12.

Daytime activities include swimming, soccer, basketball, volleyball, laser tag, dodgeball, and much more! Evening activities include Mass, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, testimonies, and talks. Spiritual staff include Diocesan clergy, Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal, Salesian Sisters, Carmelites, Legionnaires, Sisters of Life, Dominicans, and more!

**2019 DATES**

July 21-27 at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY \*  
July 28-August 2 at Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center, Lake Placid, FL  
July 28-August 3 at Summit Lake Camp, Emmitsburg, MD  
August 11-17 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY

*\*Optional Basketball and Dance Programs Available at Newburgh, NY location.*

**RATES**

Regular rate is \$450 per week, includes food and lodging. Early bird rate (if paid in full by April 1, 2019) is \$400. Volunteers (18 years of age and older) are FREE!

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2019 AT  
[WWW.CAMPVERITAS.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPVERITAS.ORG).

## 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, 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

## Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

NO MASS

## Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

SFX 6:30pm -Barbara Walter  
Requested by Ron & Anna Meyer

## Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

SFX 8:30am -Our Parish Family

## Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

SFX 6:30pm -Our Parish Family

## Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

SFX 8:30am -Our Parish Family

## Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

SFX 4:30pm -Barbara Walter  
Requested by Ruth Brustman

## Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

OLL 9:00am -Bruce Meyer  
Requested by Mary Jane Nober

SFX 11:00am -Barbara Walter  
Requested by The Manaseri Family

## Readings

Isaiah 66:10-14c  
Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20, or 10:1-9

# Collection

July 6/7, 2019

## Collection

St. Francis Xavier	\$873.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$534.00

## Other (R & M)

Our Lady of the Lake	\$15.00
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## Total

**\$1,422.00**

*Next Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be for  
The Catholic Missions  
Among Black & Indian People*



## Please note:

**Anyone using the kitchen and/or 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 RUN AT THE SAME TIME. IT WILL BLOW THE CIRCUIT and the refrigerator 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