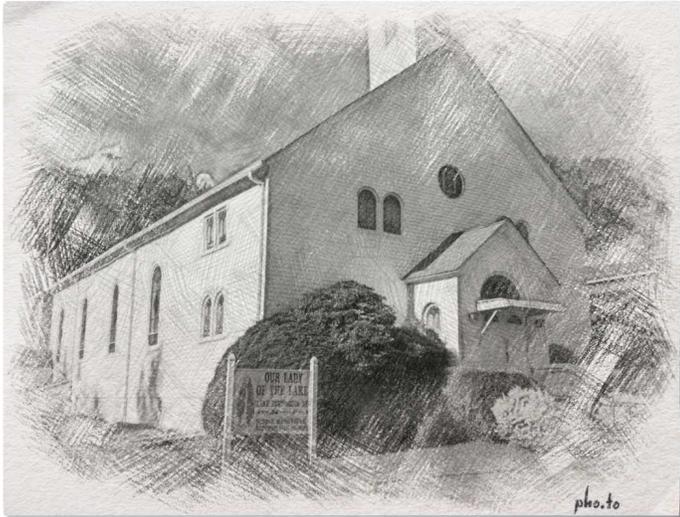


# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 20, 2019



## 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

## St. Francis Xavier Church

151 Bridge St., Narrowsburg

### Masses

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

### Confessions

Saturday	4:00pm
	Or by appointment

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

**ABBY RODDEN, PARISH SECRETARY**

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### 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.

Dear Parish Family,

If you haven't heard, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome two new Auxiliary Bishops. On October 10, Pope Francis appointed two New York priests, Monsignor Edmund J. Whalen and Monsignor Gerardo J. Colacicco, to serve as auxiliary bishops in our Archdiocese. As we welcomed Bishop Dominick Lagonegro to our parish in the past, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young adults, we might welcome one of these next time. For more info on them, go to <https://www.archny.org/news/pope-francis-appoints-two-new-auxiliary-bishops-for-the-archdiocese-of-new-york>. Bishops, yes, stand out. They come to greet us with mitre on head and crozier (staff) in hand. Although parish priests can confirm people under certain circumstances, like the RCIA, the Church still reserves the right, to confirm the majority of the people, to the Diocesan Bishop. And, it is good to have a Bishop in our midst with the sign value of his presence. He represents the fullness of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. He stands with the richness of the gifts that were given to each of the Apostles that would be passed down in the Sacrament of Holy Orders until the end of time. Bishops Whalen and Colacicco are Pastors by virtue of their office. They are Shepherds. We can also expect they will be assigned as Episcopal Vicars of one or more Deaneries or Vicariates in our Archdiocese.

We get a similar glimpse of God working like this, under different circumstances in our First Reading this week. It speaks of an incident during the time of Moses when Israel was in battle against their enemy Amalek and his army. In choosing to fight, Moses made certain strategic decisions and sent his people to fight. As for himself, he said *"I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand"* (Ex 17:9). Moses was not only acting as the leader of his people. He was also assuming the role of priest/intercessor and shepherd. I suppose we could sum this up by saying that he was "pasturing his flock."

I guess that even if we have never been really close to the Church, we have an image of priests/pastors working with personal pastoral responsibilities. I would also guess that we could sort of isolate them from the mainstream population in their roles, like saying "they are not like us," or "we are not like them," or "there is little similarity between us," or "we need them but they certainly do not need us," or I'm sure you can come up with a half-a-dozen comparisons yourself.

If this is how you think, or have thought, you would be wrong. The Church teaches us, *"Every priest, however, is taken from among the people of God in order to be appointed on behalf of the same people,"* i.e. "taken from" and "sent back" to the people. Yes, priests have responsibilities that are different from other people and therefore they fulfill them in different ways. They have the primary duties of *preaching, governing, and sanctifying*. A very big part of this must be prayer and his own sanctification. A good portion of priest's prayer is by its nature intercessory. He prays and intercedes for the Church of God and the people of his parish.

Wouldn't it be a great privilege to be able to call up a priest in the parish and have him pray for you and your intentions? Wouldn't that offer a great sense of security to many people you know, i.e. simply the knowledge that a priest is praying specifically for you—that he has you and your concerns in mind. And, what if that is met with interference?

Actually, God has already worked this out for you. That is one of the things that a Pastor must be doing for his people. However, as I said last week, priests persistently try to capture the most important thing they can have: *time!*—time for what absolutely must be done, especially time to pray and care for their own salvation. The task is actually wider than it might seem. They usually cannot do it alone, without the help of others. In its *Basic Scheme for Priestly Training*, the Church insists, *"A priest has a duty not only to his own flock but to the whole community, to which he must strive to give a truly Christian character,"* which should be penetrated with a

*genuine missionary spirit and one of Catholic universality."*

This is a big nut to crack! Especially as Father John Nepil, in a recent July article, "Parochial Solipsism," reports,

It is not excessive to suggest that three quarters of the life of the American pastor is consumed with administrative governance. He is, for all intents and purposes, the head of a small business. He hires and fires, reviews budgets, maintains buildings, and attends to the countless [diocesan, etc.] bureaucratic details that daily come across his desk.

So, if the role of *governing* is taking up 75% of a priest's time, then the roles of *preaching* and *sanctifying* are not given much in the balance and are probably done under pressure more than anything else. That is because, in most parishes, "if this administration were not enough," the priest usually "begins an evening shift of pastoral appointments, council meetings, and parish programming." Then there are the "emergency calls." All this is before paying attention to the daily parish "sacramental routine." And, this is just today, and bound to worsen because,

With each passing year, younger and younger priests assume larger and larger parishes, often with no business training or facility for administration. It is no wonder then that even the most basic role[s stated above] of pastor [are] becoming an increasingly colossal feat.

In my first pastorate, one parishioner told me, "This parish has grown into a major business in the past few years, leaving you being the only one to manage it." I turned to Saint John Paul II. In his Exhortation, *Ecclesia in America*, he advised,

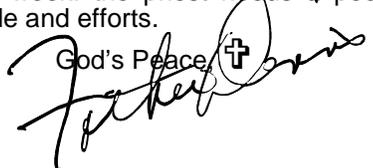
The field in which priests work is vast. Therefore they should concentrate on what is essential to their ministry: ... "help[ing] the faithful both personally and communally to experience the living Jesus Christ." As ... disciples of the merciful Christ, they are called to be instruments of forgiveness and reconciliation in the spirit of the Gospel.

As pastors of the People of God in America, priests must also be alert to the challenges of the world today and sensitive to the problems and hopes of their people, sharing their experiences and growing ... in solidarity toward the poor. They should be careful to discern the charisms and strengths of the faithful who might be leaders in the community, listening to them and through dialogue encouraging their participation and co-responsibility. This will lead to a better distribution of tasks, enabling priests "to dedicate themselves to what is most closely tied to the encounter with and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, and thus to represent better within the community the presence of Jesus who draws his people together."

This is the basic cooperation presented to us in our reading with Moses and his people. In one sense, the success of the battle depended on Moses and his intercession. This was not possible without the help and collaboration of other key people to help, especially when tiredness set in. We read, *"Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset"* (Ex 17:12). In other words, the people did whatever was necessary in order to permit Moses to continue with his essential ministry. Pope John Paul also confirms the necessity of this kind of collaboration within the parish. In *The Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People*, he tells us:

*It is necessary to look more closely at the communion and participation of the lay faithful in parish life. [And that for] all lay men and women [according to the Second Vatican] Council: "Their activity within Church communities is so necessary that without it the apostolate of the pastors is generally unable to achieve its full effectiveness."*

Just as we concluded last week: the priest needs a people who are united in his struggle and efforts.

God's Peace 

BRINGING JESUS TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD



THROUGH MARY

COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

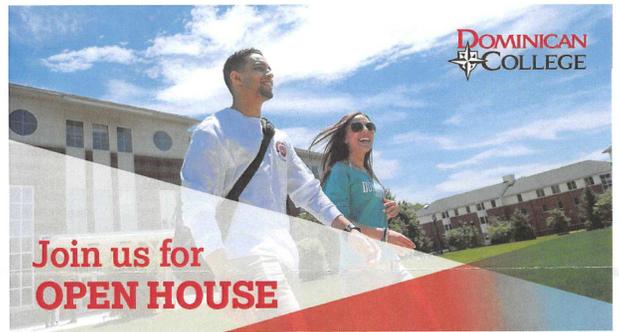
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAYS, AT 1:00 PM

OUTSIDE PLANNED PARENTHOOD

14 PRINCE ST., MONTICELLO, NY

Gathering at: CHURCH OF ST. PETER  
10 LIBERTY ST., MONTICELLO  
following 12:15 Mass

For more Information call: Jane @ (845) 292-4647



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**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.

Program starts at 10:00 a.m.

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Will I choose to love the least?



And the King will answer:

"In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE™**

**SEPTEMBER 25th to NOVEMBER 3rd**

GOSHEN PLANNED PARENTHOOD

7 Coates Drive, Goshen Campaign hours: 7 AM - 7 PM

Campaign Manager: Veronica Murphy-DeWitt 845-551-8560 or [40DaysforLife.com/Goshen](http://40DaysforLife.com/Goshen)

NEWBURGH PLANNED PARENTHOOD

136 Lake Street, Newburgh Campaign hours: 7 AM - 7 PM

Campaign Manager: Wendy Wood 845-820-4366 or [40DaysforLife.com/Newburgh](http://40DaysforLife.com/Newburgh)

**Upcoming All Saints  
Holyday Schedule**

**Thursday, October 31-**

NO 8:30am Mass

Vigil Mass @ 4:30pm @ SFX

**Friday, November 1-**

Holyday Mass @ 9:00am @ OLL

Holyday Mass @ 7:00pm @ SFX

**Mass Intention envelopes for All Souls Day, on Saturday, November 2, are available at the back of the church. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket.**

**This Sunday is Catholic Daughter's Sunday.  
We express our gratitude to them for their charitable donations and for sharing their faith and spirituality in today's world.**



**"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening"**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm -Henrietta Pierce  
Requested by The Parish

## Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30am -Our Catholic Daughter's Court Fr.  
Raphael on this Catholic Daughter's Sunday  
Requested by The Parish

11:00am -William Porter  
Requested by the Porter Family  
-Pete Moran  
Requested by Regina Moran  
-Our Catholic Daughter's Court Fr.  
Raphael on this Catholic Daughter's Sunday  
Requested by The Parish

## Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

NO MASS

## Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30am -Our Parish Family

## Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30am -Our Parish Family

## Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - Our Parish Family

## Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30am -Our Parish Family

## Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm -Florence Hubert  
Requested by Her Children

## Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30am -Our Parish Family  
11:00am -Thomas A. Connolly  
Requested by Wendell & Lillian Putz

# Collection

October 12/13, 2019

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

St. Francis Xavier	\$1,144.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$344.00

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Mission Sunday)

St. Francis Xavier	\$368.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$122.00

## Other (Repairs & Maintenance)

St. Francis Xavier	\$25.00
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## Total

**\$2,003.00**

**Thank you!**

# Readings

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

# Marian Consecration

His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan, is offering an opportunity to bring to our Archdiocesan family something of a spiritual conversion; a light within the darkness of these troubled times.

**All are invited in consecrating themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8.**

**You will find FREE copies of the book, 33 Days to Morning Glory, at the back of the church.**

These consecration books map out everything you need to know.

Please take one home and use it with your family.

## Please Pray for our Parish Family

**For the Sick:** Christina Hubert, Lydia Newton, Jane Cutita, Bonnie Feeler, Judy Tufo, Connie Moser, Elizabeth Stoddard, Pam Kocher, Vincent Gentile, Kathleen Jamieson, Peter O'Leary Jr., Jessica Hartley, Dorothy Schlegel, Henrietta Pierce, Ed Coates

**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, Rita & Arthur Holmes

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