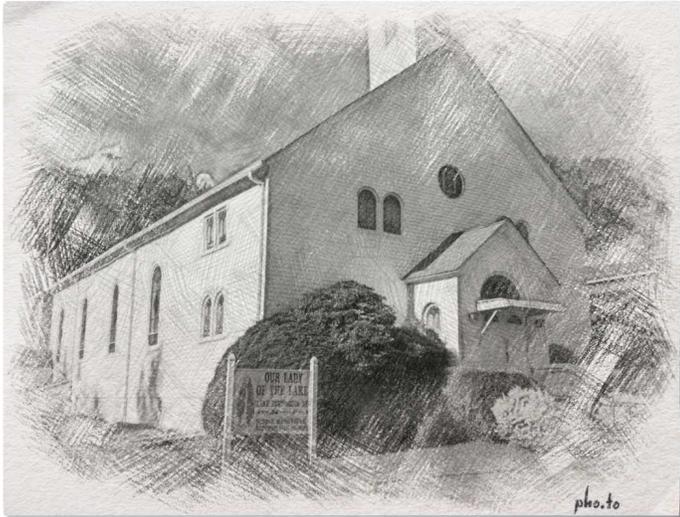


Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 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

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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,

The mention of "Pharisee" usually comes without a positive tone with it. It tends to bring to mind the confrontational times found between Jesus and them. Yet, the Pharisees usually made every effort to follow their love for understanding the law and to be holy. Still, we see in the life of Saint Paul, himself a Pharisee, this striving could degenerate into legalism in living out the law. Their extremism could also result in inflating their ego resulting in a prideful showiness. As with anyone, once on this path, persons can easily set themselves up for a fall. It seems the Pharisee in today's gospel has sunk pretty low and has no clue of it. Jesus said, he arrived at the temple area and *"took up his position and prayed to himself."* He boasted about his righteousness, his worth, in comparison to "sinners" like the tax collector. Claiming not to be dishonest, he was being dishonest to himself. Claiming not to be adulterous, he was actually turning from love of God to idolizing himself.

This may not be much different from the person who comes to Confession, "Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It is about a year since my last confession." And who insists, "Father, I am basically a good person. I told a few white lies. I fight with my wife (or husband). But, I really do not do anything wrong." So, you ask them, "Why are you here? How can anyone go for such a long period and have no real knowledge of sinning, when scripture teaches *"the just fall seven times"* (Prov 24:16), even in a day? As Pope, Saint John Paul II had enough to bother his conscience that he went to Confession every day! However, like the Pharisee, there are people who are not really in touch with their sinfulness.

Did you ever hear of *Mechthild of Magdeburg*? I didn't. I once ran across a meditation by her for this Sunday's gospel in an old issue of the *Magnificat* and saved it. I thought her words are very profound. She says:

I do not know anyone who is so good that he doesn't need to look ceaselessly into and test and know what is in his heart and also often to find fault with all he does. This must be done with great humility. God's voice taught me this because I never did anything so well that I could not have done it better. My weaknesses thus reproved me. "Wretched creature, how long will you hide your useless habits in your five senses? Our childhood was foolish, our youth troubled. Only God knows how we conquered it. Now in my old age I find much to chide, for it can produce no shining works and is cold and without grace. It is powerless now that it no longer has youth to help it bear God's fiery love. It is also impatient, for now little ills afflict it which in youth it hardly noticed. Yet a good old age is full of patient waiting and trust in God alone"...

Not a bad commentary to contrast a proud, arrogant soul with a humble sinner! And, who does the Lord prefer? That's easy! As Saint James teaches us, that, *"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."* (Jam 4:6) [and] *"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds.... Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you"* (8-10).

Humility again? Yes! But, how do I become humble? Father Eugene Boylan, O.Cist.R. in *This Tremendous Lover*, Chapter XVII (17), "Union With Christ Through Humility," says, "by the grace of God.' Only the grace of God can give us that insight into our own condition and realization of God's exaltation that make for humility." Where there is real humility of heart, i.e., *where pride has been overcome*, he says conduct and speech cannot but be affected by it. Still, he says perhaps some examples will help to make the notion of true humility clear, namely:

To speak as little of one's own self or affairs as possible; to mind one's own business; to avoid curiosity; not to want to manage other people's affairs; to accept contradiction or correction; not to insist upon one's own opinion unless truth or justice require it, and then to do so moderately, but with courage; to pass over the mistakes of others, to cover them

up, even, where prudent, to accept them (for example, in pronunciation); to yield to the will of others, where neither duty nor charity nor genuine Christian principle is involved; to hide one's own ability or talents; to avoid ostentation; all such are works of humility that are within the powers of all. One can, however, go further. To accept blame when innocent, to accept insults or injuries, to accept being slighted or forgotten or disliked, not to seek to be specially loved or admired, not to be put out at one's own clumsiness or mistakes, to be kind and gentle even under provocation, never to stand on one's dignity save where Christian prudence demands it, to accept correction gladly, to yield in discussion even though one is right, not to be self-opinionated or self-assertive; all these are praiseworthy. But if we remember first that humility is reverence for God, and secondly that it is not only an imitation of Jesus, but a perfect way of giving oneself to Him, one may be ready to go still further. To be glad, for example, at being despised, to thank God when one is humiliated, to rejoice in one's lowliness, to be patient with one's own failings, to meet failure with a ready smile, to glory in one's infirmities; here love is becoming ardent, and union with Jesus is growing more intimate.

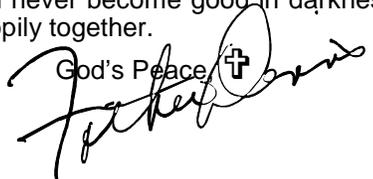
Father Boylan also says that our lack of humility is the why we are "so touchy, so resentful of criticism, so impatient of opposition, so insistent on getting our own way, so eager to be known, so anxious for praise, so determined on ruling our surroundings." No wonder the Pharisee was the way he was!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, though so rarely used these days, can be greatly misunderstood and even misused. It can be a "revolving door" if there is no real resolution to further avoid the sins being confessed. There are also lesser sins or no sins being confessed, where the confessor can discern deeper sins not being acknowledged and confessed. Confessing "cursing & swearing" can easily point to pride, anger, jealousy, revenge or something else lurking below as the real problem that the person does not even recognize.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can certainly bring us great benefit. Following Father Boylan's lead, linking any of our *non-Christ-like* actions to our prideful tendencies will help us grow in the knowledge of ourselves as we really are. As this increases so does our recognition of needing of God's help. This is so necessary in conquering ourselves; and growing in the virtue of humility. It squashes the one vice which presents so many obstacles to our spiritual growth: PRIDE - like weeds, these must be eliminated at the root or they will always return.

The grace of the Sacrament, coupled with a deeper knowledge of our sinfulness can surprise us. Far from being a negative experience, knowledge of our sinfulness, intertwined with the Mercy of God, can result in a very hopeful, positive mind-set. It is finding Christ alive in our lives. In the remainder of the above mentioned meditation, *Mechthild* describes such a conversion taking place through prayer. She tells, that,

The prayer of the pure heart sometimes awakes sleeping sinners. Alas, poor sinner, how you are to be pitied. You are a self-slayer, a danger to all good. The good person has a great advantage, for when he sees how another sins and falls he looks quickly to himself so he may not so fall. Thus the good person benefits from evil things that good may follow them. But the wicked person becomes more wicked when he sees evil works and examples. He now despises good works and good people. His own perverted wisdom pleases him best. My advice to myself is that we must live humbly, in Love. We shall never become good in darkness. Humility and Love live happily together.

God's Peace 


BRINGING JESUS TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD



THROUGH MARY

COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

2nd & 4th 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



Sunday, October 27
at Holy Cross Church in
Callicoon at 4:00pm.

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

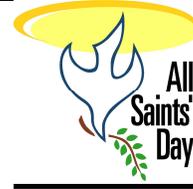
Campaign Manager: Veronica Murphy-DeWitt 845-551-8560 or 40DaysforLife.com/Goshen

NEWBURGH PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

Campaign Manager: Wendy Wood 845-820-4366 or 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

All Souls Intentions

Edna & Arthur Dollard

Frances & Walter Foley

Michael Dollard

Santo DiBello

Edward Dean

Julie Woisin

Christian Woison

Steven Woisin

Betty Borg

Benny Borg

John Kozule

Steven Kozule

Marge DiBello

Angela & Christine DiBello

Martin Marinelli

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 26th

4:30pm -Florence Hubert
Requested by Her Children

Sunday, October 27th

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

Monday, October 28th

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 29th

8:30am -Our Parish Family

Wednesday, October 30th

8:30am -Our Parish Family

Thursday, October 31st

All Saints Vigil

(NO 8:30am Mass)
4:30pm-All Saints

Friday, November 1st

All Saints-Holyday of Obligation

9:00am-All Saints

7:00pm-All Saints

Saturday, November 2nd

All Souls Day

4:30pm -All Souls

Sunday, November 3rd

8:30am -All Souls

11:00am -All Souls

Collection

October 19/20, 2019

1st Collection

St. Francis Xavier	\$705.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$237.00

2nd Collection ()

St. Francis Xavier	\$421.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$171.00

Total

\$1,534.00

Thank you!

Readings

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

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, 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, Kathleen Jamieson

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