

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020



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HOURS: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 10:00AM-3:00PM

Because of social distancing measures throughout New York State, the office will not be open for walk-ins until further notice.

Meetings over the phone with Fr. Dennis or Abby can be arranged in advance.

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Dear Parish Family,

I received the following in an email. I thought you might appreciate it.

Do you have a mean Mom? This will tell you why! Someday when you are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, she will tell you: I loved you enough to ask where you were going, with whom, and what time you would be home. I loved you enough to insist that you save your money and buy a bike for yourself even though we could afford to buy one for you. I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a creep. I loved you enough to make you go pay for the bubble gum, you had taken, and tell the clerk, "I stole this yesterday and want to pay for it." I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that should have taken 15 minutes. I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, and tears in my eyes. Children must learn that their parents aren't perfect. I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh they almost broke my heart. But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when I knew you would hate me for it. Those were the most difficult battles of all. I'm glad I won them, because in the end you won, too. And someday when your children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates parents, you will tell them.

I also received this about the same time. Similar story, but from the "now adult" child's perspective!

Was your Mom mean? I know mine was. We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess that our mother fixed dinners that were different from what other kids had, too. Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less. We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, empty the trash, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she lay awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16. Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught vandalizing other's property, or arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. Now that we have left home, we are all educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was.

Each of these may express a lot, but may not go far enough. It is possible that you had a Mom who was even meaner still! They do exist! These had plans for you before you were even born. They insisted on marrying the right way and were practicing their faith when you were conceived. While still in the womb, they were making plans for you to be baptized. Mom wanted you to have what she treasured: Eternal Life given to her early in life. Yes, right from the beginning you

were going to Church. You would learn about the world of God from infancy. You would learn that Church was the proper place for you on Sunday—and that meant every Sunday! You learned to behave in Church—to respect it as God's house, where other people want to pray also. You learned to pray at home, not just because you were taught, but because Mom and Dad and the whole family prayed every day: in the morning, at meal times, in the evening and before bed. You were also encouraged to talk to God during the day. Mom let you know how—she let you listen to her. You were barely two and Mom insisted that you start learning right from wrong. Imagine! She wanted you to be accountable for your actions already! Eventually you learned that not only Mom expected this, but God did also. He gave us Commandments—ten of them! They had to be respected and obeyed. Mom and Dad did too, because one of them, the Fourth Commandment, said so. Other people had to be respected too! Mom made sure that you knew that, as a Christian, this was to be expected. Sooner than you would think, Mom, not only enrolled you in school, but also in Religious Education. She was eager for you to make your First Holy Communion. This was not just to celebrate the day, but so that you would be able to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus with the family each week when you came to Church. When other parents might have ignored their children's Religious Education, from that point, until a later grade, your Mom kept you there. Each week you had Religion Classes. Each week, your Mom wanted to know what you learned. Each week your Mom went over your work and your prayers to make sure you really understood the message. She had the guidelines too for each year you were enrolled. She made sure that you followed and fulfilled them—regardless of who your teacher was—regardless of what other students were doing. All of this was leading up to the day you would receive your Confirmation. She was preparing you. That would be your day of commitment to the Lord, and the family, that you would practice your faith. It could not be forced! Still, you had to be able to know and understand: that you had to accept full responsibility for your actions at some point. The Church and Jesus wanted you to do this as a young adult. Your Mom no longer wanted you to do all of these things because they were expected of you. They always would be! She wanted you to do it by a free choice that you would make. She knew if she could prepare you for this, a great wish of hers would be finally accomplished. You would be making the greatest decisions of your life for the right reasons. You would be following the path Jesus laid out for you, for all of us, because you wanted His promises to be fulfilled in your life. You see, your Mom was a really mean Mom—much meaner than others. This is because she went the extra mile to pass on her faith to you. You see, your Mom had a plan for you, and maybe an insight into life, that others did not have. Your Mom loved you more and had to be meaner. You Mom did not just want to live a lifetime with you. No, she was more greedy and selfish than that. She wanted to spend "Eternal Life" with you. These were the plans she had for you before you even were even born. She then took the steps and made the sacrifices necessary to carry them out. I hope you will be eternally grateful for what she has done! She wants to shower you with Eternal Love! .

Happy Mother's Day, 

SFX Weekly Sunday Collection

Our weekly collection for those attending Saint Francis Xavier Church is used for the day-to-day operation of the parish and its programs. You may set up a one-time or recurring donation to our parish.



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OLL Weekly Sunday Collection

Our weekly collection for those attending Our Lady of the Lake Church

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Repair & Maintenance

The Repair & Maintenance Collection is always the 2nd collection on the 1st Sunday of each month.



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Monthly Archdiocesan (Please Specify)

Archdiocesan Collection is always the 2nd collection on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

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Capital Improvements

The Capital Improvements Collection is always the 2nd collection on the 3rd Sunday of each month.



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Mass Intentions

The usual offerings for Mass Intentions called in or arranged with our Parish Office. These are generally \$15 for Masses in the archdiocese of New York.

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Mothers Day Novena

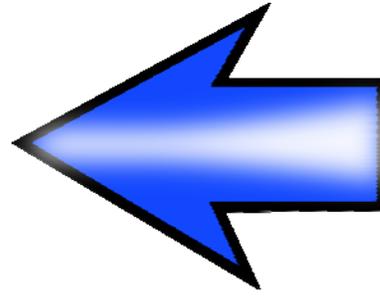
Usual free-will offering for Masses that will be said in the Month of May for our Mothers, living and deceased.



Fathers Day Novena

Usual free-will offering for Masses during the Month of June that will be said for our Fathers, living and deceased.

WeShare



We Share is now up and running so that you can make contributions to the church here at any time for the collections you've done in the past.

There are donation buttons for each weekend collection, Archdiocesan special collections, Mother's Day Intentions, and the Cardinal's Appeal, and more.

Fr. Dennis will be saying Mass for your Mother's Day intentions next weekend and throughout the month of May at available Masses. Please send them in via mail, email, or call the office.

To donate, please go to:

<https://sfxnarrowsburg.weshareonline.org/>

We realize these are difficult times for many, and we would like to thank those that are still able to support the church.



Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Narrowsburg, NY

With all public gatherings cancelled, I think you will agree how difficult it is, among other things, not to gather each weekend for Sunday Mass. Though we cannot gather in person, we are united with Christ in prayer. Know I am praying for you and your families.

In the meantime, as we face this health crisis together, I need to ask you for your continued, generous financial support for our parish. I encourage you to set up a recurring donation using our online giving platform as your donations are still needed. Will you make the commitment to support your parish during this unprecedented time through online giving today?

May God Protect and Bless You All,
God's Peace +

If you have already signed up to give a recurring gift online, thank you. If not, please sign up today. Your participation in supporting your parish is still needed!

- 1 Visit www.sfxnarrowsburg.com and click **Give Online**.
- 2 Select the collection of your choice.
- 3 Set up your donation amount, payment type, and frequency.

Once your account information is added, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

Please contact our office with questions at 845-252-6681.

Mass Intentions

Masses are NOT public at this time.

Saturday, May 9th

SFX 4:30pm - Our Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, May 10th

SFX 8:30am - Our Mother's Day Intentions

SFX 11:00am - Our Mother's Day Intentions

Monday, May 11th

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 12th

SFX 8:30am - Available or Our Parish Family

Wednesday, May 13th

SFX 8:30am - The Cotugno Family

Requested by Christine Mary
Faggione

Thursday, May 14th

SFX 8:30am - Available or Our Parish Family

Friday, May 15th

SFX 8:30am - Available or Our Parish Family

Saturday, May 16th

SFX 4:30pm - The Adams & Nolan Families

Requested by Christine Mary
Faggione

Sunday, May 17th

SFX 8:30am - Available or Our Parish Family

SFX 11:00am - To all of my Friends and Family

Requested by A Friend

Fr. Dennis will be saying Mass daily. Please mail, email, or call the office to request your Mass Intentions.



In Memory/Honor of:

Frances Foley

Edna Dollard

Grace Foley

Hermína Schick

Florence Hubert

Marion Moran

Florence Winum

Dorothy Reith

Anna Barr

Phyllis Barrett

Catherine Barrett

Ramona Barrett

All of Our Mothers

READINGS



Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Please Pray for our Parish Family

For the Sick: David Meyer, Ed Coates, Ella Dorothy Neidert, Dolly Marinelli, Elizabeth Stoddard

For the Deceased: Dorothy Schlegel, Peggy Lee Romano, Carmen T. Holstrom, Joseph Ramon Gonzalez, Andrew Kimmel, Grace Kimmel, Madeline LoBasso, Margaret Corkett, Joseph Barca, Emerson "Bucky" Misner, Maria Frangipane

For those Serving in the Military: Justin Warnick