

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

SFX 4:30pm – Jack Kelly  
Request by John & Colleen Tenbus

### Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

OLL 9:00am – All Souls Intentions  
From Our All Souls Envelopes  
SFX 11:00am – Wendell & Dorothy Putz  
Request by Wendell & Lillian Putz

### Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

- NO MASS

### Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

SFX 8:30am – All Souls Intentions  
From Our All Souls Envelopes

### Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

SFX 8:30am - Margaret McFarland  
Request by Cliff & Maureen Kelly

### Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

SFX 8:30am – Our Parish Family  
Thanksgiving Day

### Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

NO MASS

### Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

SFX 4:30pm – Nathaniel (“Skip”) Feagles  
Request by His Family

### Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

OLL 9:00am – Dorothy Meyer  
Request by Mary Jane Nober  
SFX 11:00am – Fred & Madeline Niebuhr.  
Request by Wendell & Lillian Putz



### WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
**PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD!**

**Last Week's Collection**  
*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**November 14, 2021**

#### Weekly Collection

St. Francis Xavier \$ 886.00  
Our Lady of the Lake \$ 277.00

#### Repair & Maintenance

St. Francis Xavier \$ 75.00  
Our Lady of the Lake \$ 110.00

#### Other:

Catholic Charities \$187.00  
Capital Improvements 45.00

**Collection Total \$1,580.00**

**Thank you!**

**Attendance**

**SFX: 30+51=81 +OLL: 31=112**

### *Please Pray for our Parish Family*

**For the Sick:** David Meyer, Ed Coates, Michael Harter, Marilyn, Dolly Marinelli, Dennis & Eileen Falk, Patricia Dempsey, Neba Ricardo, Alison Greenfield, Jim Schalk, Bob Drollinger, Walter Maers, Carol A. Pagnozzi, Eddie Negron, Tim Stein

**For the Deceased:** Peggy Lee Romano, Carmen T. Holstrom, Joseph Ramon Gonzalez, Hilda Bielfeld, Andrew Kimmel, Grace Kimmel, Madeline LoBasso, Margaret Corkett, Joseph Barca, Emerson “Bucky” Misner, Maria Frangipane, Elizabeth Stoddard, Victor Rodriguez, Father John Bida, Margaret Klotz, William Pammer, Francis Clark, James Clark, Marian Reda, Mary Reda, Alice Herrmann, George F. Wagner Jr., Dottie Schlegel, Wasyl Puszykysa, Karen Bernas, Patricia Prendergrast, Ella Dorothy Neidert, Dominic Winum, Marguerite Daley, Toya Espinosa, Ronald Scheuren, Beverly Zeman, Jack Kelly, Elizabeth McMurray, Mark Yewchuk

**For those Serving in the Military:** Lauren Warnick, Justin Warnick, Thomas Muller

## Saint Francis Xavier Parish Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 21, 2021

*“I am the  
Alpha and the  
Omega,”  
says the Lord  
God, “the one  
who is and who  
was and who is  
to come, the  
almighty.”  
Revelation 1:8*



*St. Francis Xavier Church*  
151 Bridge St., Narrowsburg

#### Masses

Saturday 4:30pm  
Sunday 11:00am  
Tuesday through  
Friday 8:30am  
Holydays as announced

#### Confessions

Saturdays 4:00pm  
or by appointment

**Rosary:** Friday after 8:30am Mass

*Our Lady of the Lake Church*  
6590 State Route 52,  
Lake Huntington (Cochecton)

#### Masses

Sunday 9:00am

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

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### PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>:

MON, TUES, THURS,  
FRI CLOSED  
WED 9AM-2PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT:  
(845) 252-6681 option 9  
to leave a message for Father Dennis

Dear Parish Family,

Christ the King! Jesus has a Kingdom. He came to announce this and to be our King! Following his baptism and the arrest of John the Baptist, his first words to us were, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand" (Mk 1:15). We profess it in our Creed each Sunday that we believe it, and that "his kingdom will have no end." It didn't happen overnight. There was a long preparation that involved many people and nations, prophecy and fulfillment, as only God could do.

Today, we'll just go back to David after he had succeeded King Saul, when the LORD said to him, "You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel." When all the elders of Israel came to David ... they anointed him king of Israel" (2 Sam 5:1-3). From this Kingdom—the line of David—Jesus was born. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Zechariah, father of John the Baptist connected the dots: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people. He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old" (Lk 1:67-70). Isaiah, one of the prophets who prophesied, "For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne ... the LORD of hosts will do this!" (Is 9:5-6, also proclaimed in the Psalms, eg. See Psalm 89 verses 4-30).

This Kingdom, by inherited succession, retained Davidic lineage: first with David's son Solomon, next by Rehoboam • Abijah • Asa • Jehoshaphat • Jehoram • Ahaziah • Athaliah • Joash (Jehoash) • Amaziah • Uzziah/Azariah • Jotham • Ahaz • Hezekiah • Manasseh • Amon • Josiah • Jehoahaz • Jehoiakim • Jeconiah (Jehoiachin) • Zedekiah.

After Solomon, came a split. The Kingdom continued as two southern tribes, the above being kings of Judah. The opening of the *Book of Daniel* tells us the next dots to connect, "In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came and laid siege to Jerusalem" (Dan 1:1). The result: the Temple was destroyed. Many Jews were exiled to Babylon, which lasted for 70 years. The Kingdom "seemed" to disappear. It was too perilous to be known as a Davidic King. So from Babylon, the story continues.

Babylon was a World Power having a grip on most of the known world. At this time, King Nebuchadnezzar had "a dream which left his spirit no rest and robbed him of his sleep" (Dan 2:1). His wise men could not explain it. But, having had the same dream, Daniel assures the king he can interpret it, "there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what is to happen in days to come" (Dan 2:28). And more: "O king, you saw a statue ... terrifying in appearance as it stood before you. The head of the statue was pure gold, its chest and arms were silver, its belly and thighs bronze, the legs iron, its feet partly iron and partly tile." Daniel then gave his interpretation:

You, O king, are the king of kings; to you the God of heaven has given dominion and strength, power and glory ... making you ruler over them

all; you are the head of gold. Another kingdom shall take your place, inferior to yours, then a third kingdom, of bronze, which shall rule over the whole earth. There shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron; it shall break in pieces and subdue all these others.... The feet and toes you saw, partly of potter's tile and partly of iron, mean that ... the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ... In the lifetime of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed or delivered up to another people.... That is the meaning of the stone you saw hewn from the mountain without a hand being put to it, which broke in pieces the tile, iron, bronze, silver, and gold. (Dan 2:31-48).

Daniel calls Nebuchadnezzar "the king of kings," a common title for such a person. Yet, this "king of kings" will now be overthrown by another. This will occur two more times. Later the *Book of Daniel* shows the Babylonians will be unseated by the Medes & Persians, and next by the Greeks, and finally the Roman Empire.

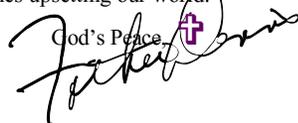
History tells: the Roman Empire fell also. Daniel said this kingdom was to be "partly strong and partly fragile." Briefly, Wikipedia says, a "slow decline occurred over a period of roughly 320 years" in 476, when the last Emperor was deposed.

The infrastructure rich Roman Empire gave way to the spread of Christianity. Quality networks of waterways and roadways both maintained the stability of the empire and allowed for expansion. These were crucial for moving military and for the commerce that sustained the empire. Many roads were paved and still exist today. Christianity spreading, and soon known as the Holy Roman Empire, is that kingdom God promised would appear and will continue forever—an eternal kingdom—as said in today's Preface: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice love and peace."

The small *Book of the Prophet Micah* is like a big picture of what we covered above. Before, during and after begins to emerge. Implied is the promise of a kingdom. A prince from David's house is destined to be ruler over a New Jerusalem and united Israel. The fulfillment of this is pointed to in Christ's birth in Bethlehem in Matthew's gospel.

Our liturgy reveals political and spiritual facets of this Feast. The political points out that Jesus has already defeated and conquered all enemies. It can only be either from ignorance or the demonic that individuals and nations still seek world domination! Victory is history! The eternal Kingdom is already established. Jesus did this all silently on the cross!

Realize! If Christ could be the King and Lord of all people's lives, the world we live in would be much different. We all would have the same King ruling our lives. Our main goals and priorities would be the same: his! Saint Paul says we must either live for Christ or for ourselves. Choosing ourselves, we would be the ones upsetting our world.

God's Peace. 

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## HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED?

January 22, 1973: Roe v Wade decision of the Supreme Court ushered in the era of abortion on demand in the United States.

2018: Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after 15 weeks of gestation when the baby has a heartbeat, eyes that open, ears that hear, and can move and kick. The law was challenged and the case, known as Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization, is being heard by the Supreme Court.

Dobbs v Jackson is a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of Roe v Wade. The possibility for future laws protecting the unborn hangs in the balance December 1, 2021 oral arguments for the case will be heard. A decision is expected in June 2022.

For the past 49 years, the infamous date of January 22 has been one of solemn prayer and remembrance for the tragedy of legalized abortion in this country.

In these next crucial 9 months, from October until June let us make the 22nd of each month a special day of prayer and fasting for the Dobbs case, in the hopes that on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Jan 22, 2023) Roe v Wade will have been finally overturned.



**"A Nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."**

**Pope John Paul II**

### 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.