

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11th

SFX 4:30pm –Father Ed Kenny
Request by Patricia Galligan

Sunday, December 12th

OLL 9:00am – Our Parish Family
or Available

SFX 11:00am –George Johnson
Request by Eleanor Johnson

Monday, December 13th

- NO MASS

Tuesday, December 14th

SFX 8:30am –Bishop Austin B. Vaughn
Request by Patricia Galligan

Wednesday, December 15th

SFX 8:30am – Our Parish Family
or Available

Thursday, December 16th

SFX 8:30am – Our Parish Family
or Available

Friday, December 17th

SFX 8:30am- Our Parish Family
or Available

Saturday, December 18th

SFX 4:30pm –All Members of the Hubert
Family-Living & Deceased
Request by Dorothy Schultz

Sunday, December 19th

OLL 9:00am – Our Parish Family
or Available

SFX 11:00am – Our Parish Family.
or Available



THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT- REJOICE!

"Saint Paul invites us to prepare for the coming of the Lord by assuming three attitudes: constant joy, persevering prayer and continual thanksgiving. Joy, prayer and gratitude are three attitudes that prepare us to live Christmas in an authentic way."

Pope Francis Dec. 17, 2017

Last Week's Collection Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021

Weekly Collection

St. Francis Xavier	\$ 903.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 211.00

Repairs & Maintenance

St. Francis Xavier	\$ 270.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 71.00

Other:

Heating & Energy	\$ 142.00
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Collection Total	\$1,597.00
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Thank you!

Attendance

SFX: 26+22=48 +OLL: 28=76

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 Puszyds, 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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021



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Artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449–1494)

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
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PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12TH

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

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

Dear Parish Family,

This week and last, the Church has given us a series of important feasts and memorials. We began on Tuesday with the brilliant Saint Ambrose, maybe the 1st of the great Bishops of Milan in northern Italy, the one who was so influential with the conversion of an even greater mind, Saint Augustine. Ambrose was the governor of Liguria and Emilia, with headquarters at Milan. Known and admired by the Catholics of the city, at the death of their bishop, they virtually forced Ambrose to become their new bishop against his own will. Clearly, he cooperated, though he had not even been baptized. Eight days after his baptism, he was ordained and consecrated as Bishop. The rest is history. Too much to tell, but he did not dissatisfy those who had cried out for his appointment. His sway continues to be felt through the centuries. On Wednesday, the 8th, we celebrated the patroness of our country with the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. It would be hard to estimate what our lives would be if God did not choose to create this woman, who I preached about as “younger than sin,” destined to be the Mother of God, and chosen to be our mother by Jesus as he hung on the cross.

Then, Thursday the 9th, we celebrated the Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego, event so closely aligned with our Blessed Mother. In Mexico City, on July 31, 2002, Saint John Paul II celebrated his canonization. He spoke, “With deep joy I have come on pilgrimage to this Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Marian heart of Mexico and of America, to proclaim the holiness of Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, the simple, humble Indian who contemplated the sweet and serene face of Our Lady of Tepeyac, so dear to the people of Mexico.” Mary revealed herself to Juan Diego as the Mother of the true God and his (our) Mother. As a sign, she gives him precious roses, and as he shows them to the Bishop, he discovers the blessed image of Our Lady imprinted on his tilma. “Don’t worry about anything. Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my protection?” The humble Indian, Juan Diego, heard these words on the lips of the Blessed Virgin, in December 1531, at the foot of Tepeyac Hill, today called Guadalupe, after asking for the healing of an uncle. This should give us added confidence that Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, is our Mother—our protection.

Today in fact is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. But, our Third Sunday of Advent, also called *Gaudete Sunday*, has taken precedence. Still, we need to take notice of her. From early years of our history, Saint John Paul considered her a “motherly and merciful figure” involved in the evangelization of our continent. He tells us, *The appearance of Mary to the native Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac in 1531 had a decisive effect on evangelization. Its influence greatly overflows the boundaries of Mexico, spreading to the whole Continent. America, which historically has been, and still is, a melting-pot of peoples, has*

recognized in the face of the Virgin of Tepeyac, “in Blessed Mary of Guadalupe, an impressive example of a perfectly inculturated evangelization”. Consequently, not only in Central and South America, but in North America as well, the Virgin of Guadalupe is venerated as Queen of all America.

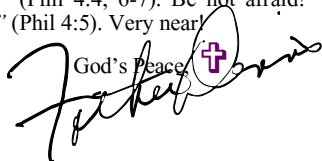
He also chose to make this more widely celebrated than it had been in previous years saying, *“With the passage of time, pastors and faithful alike have grown increasingly conscious of the role of the Virgin Mary in the evangelization of America.”*

The Memorial of Saint Lucy (of Syracuse) is on the 13th. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* says that, for her, there “can be no doubt of the great veneration that was shown to her by the Early Church.” She is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye-trouble. She’s one of the female saints named in the canon of Saint Gregory, and there are special prayers and antiphons for her in his “Sacramentary” and “Antiphonary”. She is mentioned in the ancient “Roman Martyrology” and honored in the writings of Saint Aldhelm and the Venerable Bede.

Tuesday the 14th, we celebrate the distinguished Saint John of the Cross, someone both admired and feared. I was reminded, and many people are not aware of it, that there was a connection between him and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, between his sublime teaching and what she believed and taught. I know this because of what Father Marie-Eugene of the Child Jesus, in his book about Saint Thérèse, *Under the Torrent of His Love*, told us,

The young Carmelite [Thérèse] was captivated by the powerful thought of St. John of the Cross, his rigorous and loving logic, the sublime descriptions which expressed what she was feeling. She was enthralled with the harmonious music of his words and the audacious poetry of his symbols, which left in her soul the ineffable effects of the divine contact. She fed on these pages and let herself be carried away in recollection towards the regions where the contacts were renewed. St. John of the Cross’ texts were so easily and profoundly impressed upon her memory that they poured forth later on in her conversations with the novices each time she wanted to instruct them, to support an affirmation, or to stir up love.

So, her Little Way was actually a Big Way! She made it so with her love, reflection, and devotion. She paid the price for it! She chose to do the Will of God. If this is how we are living, Saint Paul tells us in the Second Reading we should, *“Rejoice in the Lord always.... Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus”* (Phil 4:4, 6-7). Be not afraid! *“The Lord is near”* (Phil 4:5). Very near!

God's Peace 



Make Christmas Merrier for
a Child or Family in Need.

Adopt-A-Family

Help spread the blessings this
holiday season,
be a part of Catholic Charities'
annual Adopt-A-Family
Christmas Giving Program

To adopt a family, or for more information, contact
Michael Peters at 845.562.4733
or e-mail Michael.Peters@cccsos.org

Donations of toys, warm winter clothing, gift cards, and funds are also gladly accepted.
Families in need of assistance for Christmas should contact Catholic Charities Case
Management Office at 845-561-1665 or email ccosuhelpline@cccsos.org
To be connected with their local case manager



THE HOLLY AND THE IVY



The ilex or holly, and the ivy, both evergreen plants are traditional Christmas symbols: the holly for part of the same reason as the Glastonbury Rose is, because it represents the Crown of Thorns that the Savior will wear during His Passion. The holly has little sharp points all around its edges, much like a thorn and one can easily prick a finger by touching the leaf carelessly. The berries represent the drops of Blood He shed. Moreover, the holly is held by tradition to be of the same plant as the wood of the Cross was said to come from. During Advent and Christmas Christians acknowledge the need for a Savior and holly reminds them of this: the holly bough is one of St. John the Baptist's symbols; the Saint heralded our Lord's coming as Isaiah did in the Old Testament. The ivy is so perennially green, that it symbolizes fidelity and immortality or eternal life in Christ. In addition, the ivy clings to its support as it grows, which symbolizes the Catholic's attachment and undying affection for his merciful Savior.

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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.