

Saint Francis Xavier Parish
The Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8th
 SFX 4:30pm –Our Parish Family
 or Available

Sunday, January 9th
 OLL 9:00am – Ella Dorothy Neidert
 Request by Family

SFX 11:00am –William Jay Everett
 Request by Al & Linda Smith

Monday, January 10th
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 11th
 SFX 8:30am - Our Parish Family
 or Available

Wednesday, January 12th
 SFX 8:30am – Our Parish Family
 or Available

Thursday, January 13th
 SFX 8:30am – Our Parish Family
 or Available

Friday, January 14th
 SFX 8:30am – Larry Koester
 Request by Dorothy Schultz

Saturday, January 15th
 FX 4:30pm –Clarence & Marie Schultz
 Request by Dorothy Schultz

Sunday, January 16th
 OLL 9:00am –Our Parish Family
 or Available

SFX 11:00am –.Francis & Dorothy Dinan
 Request by Family

Last Week's Collection
Solemnity of Mary & Epiphany
January 1 & 2, 2022

<u>Solemnity of Mary</u>	
St. Francis Xavier	\$ 130.00
<u>Other</u>	
Christmas	\$705.00
Collection Total	\$835.00
<u>Weekly Collection</u>	
St. Francis Xavier	\$ 924.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 486.00
<u>Repairs & Maintenance</u>	
St. Francis Xavier	\$ 549.00
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 167.00
<u>Other</u>	
First Offering	297.00
Collection Total	\$2,423.00

Thank you!

Attendance

SFX: 28+41=69+OLL 29=98

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
WEEK OF 1/10/22:
TUESDAY 9AM-11AM

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



Baptism of Christ - Alban
 Source: [Wikipedia](#)
 Artist: **Francesco Albani (1578–1660)**

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, Alice Herrmann, George F. Wagner Jr., Dottie Schlegel, Karen Bernas, William Jay Everett, Ella Dorothy Neidert, Dominic Winum, Patricia Prendergrast, Marguerite Daley, Toya Espinosa, Wasyl Puszkysa, Mary Reda, Marian Reda, Ronald Scheuren, Beverly Zeman, Jack Kelly, Elizabeth McMurray, Mark Yewchuk

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

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

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

Masses
 Sunday 9:00am

Dear Parish Family,

We celebrate The Baptism of the Lord! I do not think we must study some theology to realize that Jesus did not need to be baptized in the same sense that we do. No, today we celebrate the event that unveiled his public ministry, which was to make Baptism and the other Sacraments available for us, allowing him to literally share HIS LIFE, HIS RESURRECTION with us.

Two weeks ago, we celebrated the feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In the homily I said that it is God's design that all families be Holy Families. The Second Vatican Council, in the document *Lumen Gentium*, i.e., "Light of the Nations", called the family the "domestic Church." This is proper because it is in the home that children first receive the faith and then gradually learn more and more about this faith. The council explained, "From the wedlock of Christians there comes the family, in which new citizens of human society are born, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit received in baptism are made children of God, thus perpetuating the people of God through the centuries" (*Lumen Gentium*, 11). This domestic Church has a role in leading these young souls to heaven. *Lumen Gentium* explained that, "In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them, fostering with special care vocation to a sacred state."

A pamphlet, *The Baptism of Your Child*, tells the parents of children to be baptized that their role as teachers and examples plays a part in their children's lives that could not be supplied by the Church or by signing them up for Religious Education in the parish. Essential it is that the formation of their children takes place years before they are ready for that. The first six years of the child's life is the most important in so many areas of formation, including the faith. The opening of the pamphlet said:

If you read these official Guidelines of the Archdiocese of New York concerning the Baptism of your child you will see how important we believe this event to be for your child, and how serious its consequences for you.

No doubt, as new parents, you have read books and consulted your doctor about the care demanded of you for your child. You are aware that any mistakes in the feeding of your infant can result in physical problems in later years. You are also aware that the psychological health of your growing child begins now, fostered by attitudes of love, caring and concern. Your infant is still in the process of being formed physically, mentally and psycho-

logically. You, Mother and Dad, are the instruments of that formation.

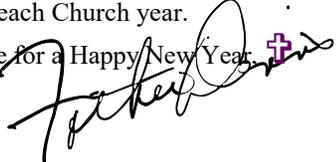
And that is why this set of Guidelines for the Baptism of your infant has been prepared. In your child's physical growth and health; in your child's psychological and personal development you are very, very important people. The same is true about the growth of your child in a relationship with God - a relationship which begins at Baptism.

Your infant is not going to grow up in the Vatican under the guardianship of the Pope, nor inside a Church or a Church school building. NO - in the next six years the child will grow with you, in your home, and it means that all that we have said about the body, the mind and the emotions applies also to religious values. For the growing infant you are the Church.

The Church requires periods of preparation before the Baptism of your child, therefore, it is important that you and the priest, who represents the church spend time together in preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism. These are periods for the parent(s) to prepare themselves to be religious parents. It is from your parenthood that the child will receive a view of God; from your conduct, your way of life; and from your practice of the faith and prayer which is the very basic idea of a Christian life. No college or school, no instruction program later on can ever make up for these first precious six years.

Some, perhaps, are rusty from being away from Catholic teaching or practice for a long while. Therefore, for some it may be appropriate to take a little more time right now to make sure that you will be ready for the Baptism of your child and to undertake willingly and cheerfully the responsibility of making the Catholic faith as important for your child as the requirements of physical, mental, and emotional growth.

Unfortunately, in many areas, the Church has been baptizing less and less children each year. Visibly, this is not a sign of growth for the Church and its parishes. Obviously, not everyone is looking to help build the Kingdom of God. There are other agendas. God did not devise the family to share its joy for just decades here on earth. God wants families to be together for all eternity with him in heaven. It helps when we begin to see things as God sees them, to understand God's design, and that's for each family to live as the "domestic Church" throughout each Church year.

God's Peace for a Happy New Year. 

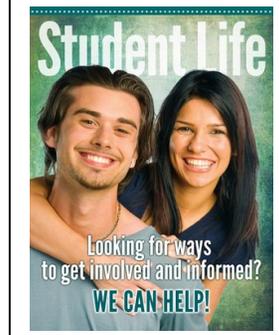


January 19-January 27 9 Days for Life

is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions

For more information go to:

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>



Enter our **Pennsylvania Pro-Life** Essay and Oratory Contests, which are held every spring. Our *Essay Contest* is open to students in 7th to 12th grades. Our *Oratory Contest* is open to high school students in 9th to 12th grades. Students may enter for the chance to win cash and other prizes.

For more information go to:

<https://www.paprolife.org/for-students>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th
8:00PM

SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

An EWTN original movie presenting the life and mystical revelations of Saint Bridget of Sweden, known for her great charity and prayer. (90 minutes)

Encore - Monday, January 10 at 1:30 AM



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.