

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 30th

SFX 4:30pm -Joanna & Charles Barnes
Request by Jean Barnes

Sunday, July 31st

OLL 9:00am -Ollie Olen

Request by Parisi Family

SFX 11:00am – Don & Bob Coates

Bill & George Stein

Jennifer Lee Listwon & Family

Request by Joann & Ed Coates

Monday, Aug. 1st

NO MASS

Tuesday, Aug. 2nd

SFX 5:30pm -Patricia Russo (L)

Request by Regina Moran

Wednesday, Aug. 3rd

SFX 8:30am -Marie Reith Porter

Request by Porter Family

Thursday, Aug. 4th

SFX 5:30pm -Our Parish Family

Or available

Friday, Aug. 5th

SFX 8:30am -Rich Timberger

Request by a Friend

Saturday, Aug. 6th

SFX 4:30pm -Anastasia “Chickie” Regina

Request by Al & Linda Smith

Sunday, Aug. 7th

OLL 9:00am -Paul Genco & Ed Carlson

Request by Frank Genco

SFX 11:00am – Thomas Connolly III

Request by Wendell & Lillian Putz

Last Week's Collection
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2022

Weekly Collection

St. Francis Xavier	\$1,338.00
Our Lady of the Lake	306.00

Collection Total **\$1,644.00**

Thank you!

Attendance

SFX:26+141=167+OLL:44=211



REMINDER!!

Sign up sheets available in back of church today to attend our parish lunch after the 11AM Mass on Sunday, August 14th, 2022. Open to all parishioners, families, and summer visitors. Please come and enjoy a meal and community!

Please Pray for our Parish Family

For the Sick: Ed Coates, Michael Harter, Marilyn, Dolly Marinelli, Dennis & Eileen Falk, Patricia Dempsey, Neba Ricardo, Alison Greenfield, Jim Schalk, Bob Drollingier, Walter Maers, Carol A. Pagnozzi, Eddie Negron, Tim Stein, Pat Russo, Etta Pierce, Helen Barr, Eleanor Johnson,

For the Deceased: Hilda Bielfeld, Elizabeth Stoddard, Victor Rodriguez, Father John Bida, Margaret Klotz, William Pammer, Francis Clark, James Clark., Karen Bernas, William Jay Everett, Ella Dorothy Neidert, Dominic Winum, Patricia Prendergrast, Marguerite Daley, Toya Espinosa, Wasyl Puszkysda, Ronald Scheuren, Beverly Zeman, Jack Kelly, Elizabeth McMurray, Mark Yewchuk, Mary Smith, Anthony Zaccari, Fr. Thomas Jones, Maurice Gilbert, Elizabeth Hartey, Linda Blaso, Anastasia “Chickie” Regina, Paul Genco, Annie Puszkysdra

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

Saint Francis Xavier Parish Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 31, 2022



The Parable of the Rich Fool - Rembrandt

Source: [Wikimedia](#)

Artist: Rembrandt (1606–1669)

St. Francis Xavier Church 151 Bridge St., Narrowsburg

Masses

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	11:00am
Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday & Thursday	5:30pm
Wednesday & 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 HOURS

WEEK OF 7/31

WEDNESDAY 9AM-1 PM

FRIDAY 9AM-10AM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

(845) 252-6681

option 9 to leave a message for

Father Dennis

Dear Parish Family,

The reading for our Wednesday Morning Prayer came from the *Book of Tobit*. It said: "Do to no one what you yourself dislike. Give to the hungry some of your bread, and to the naked some of your clothing. Seek counsel from every wise man. At all times bless the Lord God, and ask him to make all your paths straight and to grant success to all your endeavors and plans"(4:15a, 16a, 18a, 19). This sums up a vital aspect of the kingdom as described in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (544): The "kingdom"

belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to "preach good news to the poor"; he declares them blessed, for "theirs is the kingdom of heaven." To them - the "little ones" - the Father is pleased to reveal what remains hidden from the wise and the learned. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.

Remember Jesus telling a parable about "the one who will dine in the kingdom". He said "He sent his servant to the invited, "Come, everything is now ready." But one by one, they all began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, 'I have purchased a field and must go to examine it; I ask you, consider me excused.' And another said, 'I have purchased five yoke of oxen and am on my way to evaluate them; I ask you, consider me excused.' And another said, 'I have just married a woman, and therefore I cannot come'" (Lk 14:15, 18-21).

After the refusals, it's the poor, blind and those who may count for zilch are invited. In *After Some Years*, Carlo Cardinal Martini stresses: while people excuse themselves for good reasons, these personal and worldly things can hide what really counts: "the Call" of God himself. In our frailty, we tend to find our identity in the things of the world as if these things could define our value as persons. We live as if our "make up" as persons comes by our defective choices rather than our call. It blinds us to the *Divine Call*. Note: in the parable, if the call was accepted, the field, the oxen, and marriage would have found their correct place in those people's lives. Yet, see the poor are available to the call. They have clear benefits—are not distracted by such choices. As Jesus identified himself with the poor, see how we look at ourselves and organize our lives!

Are we hard or rocky soil or good earth open to receiving the Word? How have we

used the talents we've been given? To know the secrets of the kingdom we mentioned last week, we must first enter it. Or else, the whole matter remains puzzling and mysterious.

The *Book of Ecclesiastes* is quoted only briefly in our First Reading. But this short book reminds us, as is mentioned in the *Catechism*, and ends the book with wise advice for all,

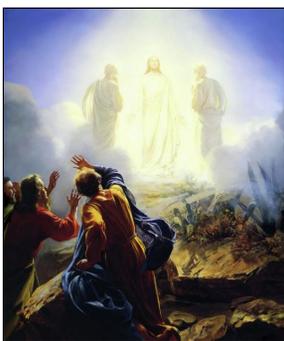
Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life. That aspect of death lends urgency to our lives: remembering our mortality helps us realize that we have only a limited time in which to bring our lives to fulfillment: *Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth ... before the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it* (Eccl 12:1, 7).

Are we like the rich man in today's gospel? "He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?'" Did he think of the poor or the hungry? No, rather how he still could hoard more! Build bigger barns! Was there any thought that this is how his life will end: Engrossed in selfishness?

As for us, are we tempted to rent those self-storage units so we can accumulate more stuff? Or maybe find bigger units so we can store even more? Sooner or later to whom will this pile of stuff go? Or, will this all end with someone having to clean out our rooms, homes, garages, attics, and whatever self-storage units we have, because God will catch us, as he did the rich man, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." (Lk 12:20-21).

What are we to do with abundance? Not what we need to live on, now or later! The Christian answer is fairly simple: Give it away! Share it with others! Don't find yourself greeting Christ with a glut of goods stored away. In the words of Saint Ignatius, founder of the Jesuit order: "Lord Jesus Christ, take all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by your will. Your grace and your love are wealth enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more."

God's Peace, 



The Feast of the Transfiguration - August 6

"Let us ask God, through the intercession of Mary, Teacher of faith and contemplation, to enable us to receive within us the light that shines brightly on the face of Christ, so that we may reflect its image on everyone we meet." – St. John Paul II

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Carbondale PA 18407
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St Joseph's Center
320 S Blakely St
Dunmore PA 18512
Phone: (570) 963-1261

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.