

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Aug. 13th

SFX 4:30pm-Jeff Chorba

Request by Regina Moran

Sunday, Aug. 14th

OLL 9:00am-Paul Genco

Request by Diane Genco

SFX 11:00am – Deceased Members of Smith
& Billott Families

Request by Family

Ken Russell

Request by Lillian Russell

Monday, Aug. 15th

NO MASS

Tuesday, Aug. 16th

NO MASS

Wednesday, Aug. 17th

NO MASS

Thursday, Aug. 18th

NO MASS

Friday, Aug. 19th

NO MASS

Saturday, Aug. 20th

SFX 4:30pm-Anastasia “Chickie” Regina

Request by Regina Moran

Sunday, Aug. 21st

OLL 9:00am-Paul Genco

Request by Barbara Gabriel

SFX 11:00am – Laurence & Florence Winum
&

Beverly Zeman

Request by Helen Barr

PLEASE NOTE:

Father Dennis will be on vacation beginning Monday, August 15th and will return Saturday, September 3rd. Father Joel will be filling in and saying all weekend Masses. There will be **NO daily Mass** during those weeks. Daily mass will resume on Tuesday, September 6th.

Last Week's Collection Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2022

Weekly Collection

St. Francis Xavier	\$1,049.00
Our Lady of the Lake	450.00

Repairs & Maintenance::

St. Francis Xavier	\$355.00
Our Lady of the Lake	259.00

Other:

Air Conditioning	\$102.00
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Collection Total	\$2,215.00
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Thank you!

Attendance

SFX:22+73=95+OLL:77=172

Pro-Life Elderly

and Home-bound Club

Unite your sufferings to Christ and help build a Culture of Life by praying for the unborn!

Phone-in Pro-Life Rosary -

Every 3rd Wednesday 1pm

(call 12:50-12:55)

Dial **(425) 436-6374** when prompted enter the access code **609 1826**

Next Rosary- **Wed, Aug. 17th 1pm**

Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend

August 19-21

TownePlace Suites, Moosic, PA

This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship

Contact Details for N/E Penn (Scranton) Retrouvaille

- **Phone:** (631) 338-5413
- **Email:**
scranton@helpourmarriage.org

Saint Francis Xavier Parish Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time August 14, 2022



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

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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 8/14

WEDNESDAY 9AM-2 PM

Dear Parish Family,

Last week we spoke in the homily about postmodernism. I referred to the article, "Teaching the Faith in a Postmodern World" by the late Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini. In preparing for this weekend and considering things going awry in the world and our country, I heard the late Father Francis Martin, formerly professor of Scripture in Franciscan University in Steubenville and other places, talking about "Living in the Midst of Adversity." And that's exactly what Cardinal Martini was telling us about. It's what we see the prophet Jeremiah doing in our First Reading.

Postmodernism denies facts and *objective reality*. Truth is based on *objective reality*. Briefly, it means that we are in a world that actually exists. Our experience of this world within and around us is real, and can be trusted. This world also does not sufficiently explain its or our existence. We believe that there is a God who revealed himself who is the explanation of all this and, is not only the source of the truth, but is Truth itself. Yes, we can actually believe that we were created by this God as men and women with a purpose he designated. As the Son of God, we know that Jesus stood in front of Pontius Pilate and told him that he himself was in this world *"to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice"* (Jn 18:38) and also that his worldly power as the Roman Prefect is subject to a higher authority.

Freedom-loving US citizens should find this of extreme importance. In 1991, in his encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, Saint John Paul II, a person who grew up and lived under Communist rule, warned about political and social structures which do not recognize their own subordination to the transcendent standards of truth and goodness which are knowable by human reason, and meaning objective reality. Our postmodern world raises its head in many instances, and under various forms, insisting that the truth is based not on agreed upon facts and evidence, but is contingent on narrative and point of view, a denial of facts and objective reality. JP II tells us totalitarianism arises out of a denial of truth in the objective sense. He says, "If there is no transcendent truth in obedience to which man achieves his full identity, then there is no sure principle guaranteeing just relations between people."

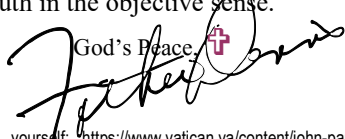
In other words, as Father Martin explains, the only safeguard of freedom is objective truth. Once that's gone, then who is ever in power can declare whatever they say is true to be true and there's no recourse. The people who buck that are enemies of the State. Now that can become very serious

like in Nazi Germany, Mussolini's Italy, or Stalin's Russia, Mao Zedong's China, and we have today's China. JP II expands on:

Nowadays, there is a tendency to claim that agnosticism and skeptical relativism are the philosophy and basic attitudes which correspond to democratic forms of political life. (See, if I hold something very strongly, I'm going to vote in that direction. Well, you know if I don't agree with lots of other people, I'm disruptive. I'm told: if you want to hold that, then hold it but don't start claiming that it's just true, because that means that what I hold is false, and I can't stand that! So let's just all live together saying we're trying hard, but nobody really knows the truth. But, what happens in that is what? Those in power say you can't condemn me for powering over you. There's no criterion at all then. It all comes down to power). Those who are convinced that they know the truth and firmly adhere to it, are considered unreliable from a democratic point of view since they do not accept that truth is determined by the majority or that it is subject to variation according to different political trends. It must be observed in this regard, there is no ultimate truth to guide and direct political activity. Then ideas and convictions can easily be manipulated for reasons of power. As history demonstrates, a democracy without values easily turns into an open or thinly disguised totalitarianism.

And here is one reason why Jesus said in today's gospel that *"a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three"* (Lk 12:53). Division is caused by those who refuse to listen to the truth! That is reason enough that we must continue to speak the truth, part of what the New Evangelization has been all about.

As Catholics, Father Martin insists that we can not say, "Let me practice my Christianity in a corner and pay my taxes and I won't bother anyone. Then you'll be OK. Because once you start saying 'this is right' and 'this is wrong,' then you're obstructing the government program." We are called to speak the truth and to keep the truth alive in our world, in our society. It's very important because, as our Holy Father taught us, totalitarianism arises out of a denial of truth in the objective sense.

God's Peace,


Read document yourself: https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/es/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_01051991_centesimus-annus.html

AUGUST 15th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

NOTE: BECAUSE AUGUST 15, 2022 FALLS ON A MONDAY, IT IS **NOT** A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR THIS YEAR.



O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

From Office of Readings

"When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' In essence, humanity had reached a historic milestone. But today, in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater achievement. Our Lady set foot in Heaven,"

"Let us ask Our Lady, the Gate of Heaven, for the grace to begin each day by raising our gaze to Heaven, to God, to say to Him: 'Thank you!'"

Pope Francis
Vatican City
August 15, 2020

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 Drollinger, 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, Wasy Puszkydsa, 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 Puszkydra

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

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.