

Parish Restructuring in the Archdiocese of Hartford for 2021

Due to dwindling number of priests in the Archdiocese, the current 132 parishes will not be sustainable over the next 10 years. With that in mind, the Archdiocese plans on reducing the number of parishes to 64. To assure the Catholic faithful that it will provide the sacramental life of its people, the ideal is to have one parish for a city-town.

The Town of New Milford will have one Parish. That Parish will be St. Francis Xavier and will be composed of two churches: Our Lady of the Lakes and St. Francis. The Parish of St. Francis will have two Trustees, one from St. Francis and one from Our Lady of the Lakes. There will be one Parish Council with members from both churches. There will be one Finance Committee with members from both churches. For the financial picture, all finances will be consolidated into one account, under the Parish of St. Francis.

Of ultimate importance is that each church needs to continue to support its own church for future growth but it also enables both churches to work with each other for the good of the Catholic population in New Milford.