



St. Francis Xavier Parish

February 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30, 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Life Teen)

Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Call Parish Office - 860-354-2202.

MARRIAGES

Contact the priest 1 year in advance.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The parish clergy and Ministers of Holy Communion visit New Milford Hospital, Candlewood Valley Health & Rehab, Village Crest Center for Health & Rehab and some homebound regularly. For other specific visits, please contact the Parish Office.

WELCOME

We are glad you are here.
If you would like to join the parish, please call the parish office.

**SATURDAY VIGIL - February 4**

5:00 P.M. +Arthur Fitch
Req. by Rosie Markstaller & Family

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**SUNDAY - February 5**

7:30 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier &
The Immaculate Conception Province
10:00 A.M. +Dominic & Catherine Iovino
Req. by Tom & Cathy Valedes
5:00 P.M. +Christine Marie Carron
Req. by Jeanne Rezek

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - February 6**TUESDAY - February 7**

6:30 P.M. +George A. Lalak
Req. by The Lalak Family

WEDNESDAY - February 8

8:00 A.M. +Katherine Fogarty (42nd Anniversary)
Req. by Her Family

THURSDAY - February 9

6:30 P.M. +Raymond O'Brien
Req. by The Reynolds Family

FRIDAY - February 10

8:00 A.M. For the living and deceased members of
The Shugrue and Brennan Families
Req. by Their Family

SATURDAY VIGIL - February 11

5:00 P.M. +John MacInnis
Req. by Dr. David & Nancy Lynch &
Family

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**SUNDAY - February 12**

7:30 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier &
The Immaculate Conception Province
10:00 A.M. +Jack McPartland
Req. by His Family
5:00 P.M. +Julia Kandefer
Req. by The Kersten Family

ITEMS FOR THE MISSIONS: If you have any of the following items: rosaries, prayer cards, medals, small religious books, Bibles, etc, to send to the missions, please contact Judy at 860-354-7254.

The **Confraternity of the Rosary** will meet on Monday, February 6 at 12 noon in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD for healing after abortion - If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend March 3-5, 2017 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 2016-2017: In case of inclement weather the following policy will be in place for delays/cancellations of Parish activities: If school is cancelled, all Parish functions are cancelled **INCLUDING DAILY MASS**. For grades K-10, each class will be allowed one snow day for the year. The lesson missed in class is to be completed at home. We will notify you if it becomes necessary to makeup additional snow days. If school is delayed (e.g. two hours), afternoon functions such as Faith Formation classes, evening meetings/events will still take place at their regular time. This policy does not effect Sunday Masses or Masses on Holy Days of Obligation. MASS will always be at the regularly scheduled time. Please use your discretion in inclement weather.

For information about school closings and delays, please check our website at www.sfxnewmilford.org or watch WFSB news stations. "Like" St. Francis Xavier Parish on Facebook to receive notifications and cancellations.

Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus
Every Monday night
VFW Hall (Avery Road, New Milford)
Doors open at 5:45 p.m.
BINGO begins at 6:30 p.m.



Seeking Job Opportunities

Our parish is partnered with other faith communities in New Milford and we have formed a group - the New Milford Refugee Resettlement group, a volunteer interfaith organization that is sponsoring and has welcomed to our town a wonderful family of six from the Congo. After an initial and brief period of aid our goal is to help the family become self sufficient. To that end we are in the process of seeking job opportunities for the parents. They are fully legal to work. Though skilled and educated they currently speak only French and Swahili, a language barrier that may somewhat limit their prospects. They are in the process of receiving intensive English tutoring and are progressing well. These wonderful people are very highly motivated and are open to any type of employment. Any job would have to be near the bus route. Please send an email to dswifta0902@sbcglobal.net if you are able to help this wonderful family find employment.

Memorial Opportunities

Parishioners often would like to remember their deceased loved ones by making a memorial donation to the parish. Father Joe has identified some possible areas where we may have an opportunity to improve our parish worship, especially in regard to our church sanctuary. Decorative backing for our tabernacle. Not too sure about how this will flesh out, but we're thinking of some woodwork or stained glass combination to call attention to our tabernacle and the reserved Blessed Sacrament. If you are interested in any of these, please email Fr. Joe at frjoe@sfxnewmilford.org.

DONATION TAX STATEMENTS:

If you use the parish envelope system and would like a printout of your yearly donations for 2016, please call Doreen in the Parish Office at 860-354-2202 or email DGray@sfxnewmilford.org. Please include your name, address and envelope number.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION will benefit: St. Francis Xavier Scholarship Fund.



OFFERTORY - January 29	= \$5,546.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$305.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$305.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,936.00

registration



REGISTRATION AND OPEN HOUSE for Holy Infant Nursery School for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Wednesday, February 15 from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be a non-refundable registration fee. Parents of alumni please call 860-354-7284 before February 10, 2017 if you wish to register your child. (Snow date: Wednesday, Feb 22)

New Parish App!

St. Francis Xavier Parish has our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more.

We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. Francis Xavier and better engaging the New Evangelization.

There will be no need for parishioners with smart phones to remember to silence their phones before Mass. The app will send you a reminder to silence your phone 20 minutes before the Mass you select. So, be sure to download the app today by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for myparish on your phone's app store, and stay connected with us all week long.

Pilgrimage to Fatima for the

100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions!

Travel to Fatima for the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima and to Poland in the footsteps of Saint Faustina and Saint John Paul II with America's premier Fatima experts: Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, EWTN's TV Host and Author of "Fatima For Today" and Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, parishioner, EWTN TV Host and Author of "Our Lady of Fatima: 100 Years of Stories, Prayers, and Devotions." Eleven Day pilgrimage at exceptional price September 17 - 27, 2017. Register by March 24 to receive a gift of both books. Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year (which began Nov. 27, 2016, and will end Nov. 26, 2017). Learn more about this pilgrimage: <http://www.donnacooperoboyle.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Donna-Marie-Cooper-OBoyle-2017-3.pdf> Or at: www.selectinternationaltours.com



LIFE TEEN MASS
Every Sunday
5:00 P.M.

Watch Facebook for an announcement regarding our next Life Night...

NEW NEWS: This Lenten season we will be selling Luminaries for lighting at the Easter Vigil in memory or honor of a loved one(s). The bags are purple with a cross cutout. The price for a Luminary is \$10. Half the proceeds will go to our Youth Ministry program here at St. Francis Xavier and the other half will go to SavetheStorks.com. (*Information about this organization is below.*) You may purchase after all the Masses beginning March 4th or at the Parish office. Please call Sue P. with questions. Thanks and God bless!

What is “Save The Storks” About?

We believe the command to love is a call to action. We work with our pregnancy center affiliates to provide expectant mothers with the spiritual, physical, financial, and emotional support they need to choose life. And we do it in a generous, compassionate, and loving way.

Local pregnancy centers offer an incredible service for expectant mothers by providing ongoing health care and support to women in crisis during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Through our partnership with pregnancy centers, we provide the tools and resources they need to get closer to those who need their services. Our Stork Bus minimizes the distance between pro-life professionals and the women who most need them, and our various consulting packages help pregnancy centers understand how to better utilize their staff and resources to reach a greater number of women.

CONFIRMATION YEAR TWO:

REMINDER: the date for the Confirmation ceremony is: Saturday, June 3rd.

Steubenville: An informational meeting was held. We will be attending Steubenville the weekend of **July 21 – 23, 2017** at St. John’s University in New York City. Steubenville is open to all high school age teens and those who will have completed the 8th grade. Our fund raising efforts have begun. Please call Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 with questions or to reserve your spot.

Faith Formation

860-354-5372

CLASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

***Tues., Feb. 7th NES grades 1&2 3:30-5:00pm
 ***the **Child Lures** presentation that was scheduled for last week, but cancelled due to no school has been rescheduled to Tues., 3/7.
 **Wed., Feb. 8th SNIS grades 3-5 3:30-5:00pm
 **Thurs., Feb. 9th SNIS grade 3-5 3:30-5:00pm
 ****CHILD LURES:** for grades 3-5 will take place during their regularly scheduled class time. Any questions please call Mary Vannucci.
 ****Sun., Feb. 12th grades K-5 11:30am-1:00pm
 ******CHILD LURES:** for grades 1&2 only will take place during their regularly scheduled class time. Any questions please call Mary Vannucci.
 Sun., Feb. 12th Confirm year 1&2 11:30am-1:00pm
 Sun., Feb. 12th grades 6-8 2:45-4:15pm
 Sun., Feb. 12th Confirmation year 1&2 2:45-4:15pm

CLASSES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Mon., Feb. 13th Confirmation year 1 3:00-4:30pm
 Mon., Feb. 13th grades 6,7&8 6:30-8:00pm
 Tues., Feb. 14th grades 6,7&8 6:30-8:00pm
 Wed., Feb. 15th Confirmation year 2 3:00-4:30pm
 Wed., Feb. 15th Confirm year 1&2 6:30-8:00pm

REMINDER: the date for the First Reconciliation celebration is Sat., Feb. 25th at 10:00am in the Church.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Join us on Sat., March 4th at the 5:00pm Mass. After the opening prayer all the children in grades kindergarten – grade 5 will be invited to hear the Liturgy of the Word with teen and adult leaders in the Church Hall. The children will return to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist after the petitions. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to hear the Gospel and its meaning in words they understand. Any questions please call Mary Vannucci at the Faith Formation office.

SNACKS: Apple juice and goldfish, cheese its, pretzels, animal crackers or cookies are needed for our Faith Formation program. These donations may be left in the Church hall or brought to the School building. This is for use for ALL (grades K-10) Sunday – Thursday classes, thanks.

BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER**With New Milford VNA & Hospice**

Do you want to share the gift of your presence, time and talents to help Hospice patients and their families at a very special time of their lives?

Five week training program begins on Tuesday, April 18 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. There are 4 evenings (5-8pm) and two Saturday morning sessions. (Volunteers are also needed to assist in clerical duties and fundraising events.) To arrange for an interview, please contact: Sarah Mott, Volunteer Coordinator at 860-354-2216 or smott@newmilfordvna.org.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center is offering the following retreats:*Taste the Love at Our Hearts & Wine Valentine's Gourmet Dinner*

Saturday, Feb 11, 6 p.m. Join us for a gourmet buffet dinner prepared by Holy Family's talented chef and three wines to complement the meal courses. Menu includes spicy roasted tiger shrimp, chateaubriand with béarnaise sauce, Maine lobster cassoulet, nine spice Moroccan stew, and chocolate heart-shaped mousse cake with espresso cream Anglaise. All are welcome - consider reserving a table of 8 to 10! \$150 per couple, \$75 per person. 860-760-9705. Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford - www.holyfamilyretreat.org

Ash Wednesday Day or Evening Retreat:

The Price and the Promise of Easter, with Bill Walsh
Wednesday, Mar 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. As we begin another Lenten season in preparation for Easter, we'll examine why Jesus died and how Jesus' passion, death and resurrection can bring healing and hope in our world. We'll also explore how our own struggles relate to Christ's resurrection and what the cross reveals about God's relationship with humanity. \$40, includes meal. 860-760-9705. Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford - www.holyfamilyretreat.org

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107-3119 Phone: 860.521.0440

BEQUESTS We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have made a bequest to St. Francis Xavier Parish. These charitable gifts build our parish endowment to help pass on our Catholic faith to future generations.

SOCIETIES/MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Pastoral Council President - Christine Zona 860-210-7892

Liturgical Ministries:

Altar Servers - Peter Tagley 860-868-7821

Children's Liturgy - Mary Vannucci 860-354-5372

Eucharistic Ministers - Al Gambone 860-946-9776

Greeters - Noreen Fanella - nafanella@att.net 860-355-2625

Lectors - Barbara Mullen - 860-354-6436

Music Ministers-Doreen Gray, Tina Haddad, Christian Martirano

Ushers - Herman Izzard - 860-354-0430

Prayer/Catechetical/Service Ministries:

Confraternity of the Rosary-First Monday -Noon, Church Hall

Knit for Life - Patty Snodgrass - 860-355-4578

Knights of Columbus - For information call 860-355-3462

Lay Missionaries of Charity - Joan Kick 860-354-1323

Maintenance Ministry - Tom and Cathy 914-843-5193

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Thurs., 7:00 p.m.
Parish Center

Parish Prayer Line - Terri - 860-355-8143;

Debbie - debhmc1@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry-Jo DeCosa - 860-355-0342

Pro-Life Ministry - Deacon Roland Miller - 860-355-3737

R.C.I.A. - Robert & Barbara Mullen 860-354-6436

Women's Guild - Second Tuesday of Month - 7 p.m., Church Hall

Youth Ministry - Sue Pullen 860-354-5372

LIFETEEN (High School Youth) **Jr. Youth Group** (Gr. 6 - 8)

Outreach Ministries:

Beautification Committee - Joe Caruso 860-355-0670

Community Garden Ministry - Steve Fugardi - 203-770-4103

Mass Taxi - need a free ride to Mass? Mark Speede 860-210-0289

Martha & Mary Community Care - 860-354-2202

Meals Ministry - Chris Grenier 860-354-2202

Affiliated Groups:

Recovery Anonymous - 7:30 pm, Thursdays, 3rd FL Parish Center

Boy Scout Troop 66 - Darrin Thorndike 860-799-0730

Cub Scout Pack 66 - Steve Morris 203-526-6254

**Divorce and Beyond
Support Group Spring Session**

Our Lady of Loreto
Church Hall

12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT 06708

Beginning on March 8, 2017

6:30 PM

Register by contacting Barbara at: (203) 910-1561

<http://www.ourladyofloretowtby.org>

Registration Deadline: 2/21/2017

Space is limited

ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL
ALL ARE WELCOME