



St. Francis Xavier Parish

May 28, 2017
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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 - May 27

5:00 P.M. +Lt. Col. Timothy P. Brooks (13th Anniv)
Req. by His Family

Seventh Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY - May 28

7:30 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier &
The Immaculate Conception Province

10:00 A.M. For the living and deceased members of
The Reynolds Family
Req. by Their Family

5:00 P.M. +Mary Britton
Req. by The Jonke Family

MONDAY - Mass at St. Francis Cemetery - May 29

8:00 A.M. In Remembrance

TUESDAY - May 30

6:30 P.M. +George Pilch
Req. by The Stuart Family

WEDNESDAY - May 31

8:00 A.M. +Pat McCoy
Req. by Carol Heydet and Family

THURSDAY - June 1

6:30 P.M. For the living and deceased members
of the DeAlessio and Martin Families
Req. by John DeAlessio & Family

FRIDAY - June 2

8:00 A.M. For the Intentions of Fr. Joe
Req. by The Lay Missionaries of Charity

SATURDAY VIGIL - June 3

5:00 P.M. +Joe Nash
Req. by The Raffaele Family

Pentecost Sunday

SUNDAY - June 4

7:30 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier &
The Immaculate Conception Province

10:00 A.M. +Raymond O'Brien
Req. by His Wife & Children

5:00 P.M. +Bennie Penn (14th Anniversary)
Req. by His Sister, Chris Grenier & 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.

St. Francis sends a final farewell to our dearly departed:
Anna Menard
Fernanda Toranto

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week burns in memory of
Louise H. Martin
Requested by Sally Cuddy

The St. Francis Xavier Memorial Window is illuminated this week for
Debra Gentile (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by Her Mom & Family

Memorial Day Mass at St. Francis Cemetery
Please join us **Monday, May 29 at 8:00 a.m.** at the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery on Fort Hill Road (behind Big Y). We will remember in a special way all of our deceased family and friends, especially those who have died this past year. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets. (In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Church.)



This Monday we remember those who gave their lives in service to our nation in our armed forces. This holiday used to be called "Decoration Day" in honor of the decoration of the graves of those who died in the Civil War. We remember in our prayers this weekend all those who gave of themselves to the fullest- not only risking their lives but losing their lives so that we might be free.

Fatima Novena
St. Teresa of Avila Church, Main Street, Woodbury
On June 3rd at 8:30 am
This year, 2017, is the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Please join us in a celebration of prayer to petition the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace in our homes, our communities and in our world.

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

Join **The Confraternity of the Rosary** on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the Retreat House at The Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield. Gathering time with coffee will be from 9 - 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be Deacon Arthur Miller of the Hartford Archdiocese. Lunch will be at 12 noon at the Retreat House. You are also invited to recite the rosary and participate in the Stations of the Cross in the Grotto. We will meet in the lower parking lot at Lourdes at 9a.m. and carpool to the House. Bring \$20.00 (cash only) on the day of the retreat. To register please call Connie or Marcy at 1-860-361-6564 by May 31.

SAVE THE DATE...

Wednesday, October 4, 2017
 October Day of Reflection at Enders Island
"The Poor Man of Assisi"

All parishioners are invited to attend this Day of Reflection honoring the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will carpool to Mystic, CT. The program runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include a 3-course hot lunch. \$50/per person. More details and sign-ups to follow.

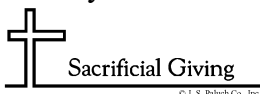
Women's Guild Dinner

The **Women's Guild** June meeting is Dinner at Colosseo, 38 Park Lane Road, on Tuesday, June 13th after the 7 pm mass. The cost is \$25.00 per person for salad, entre, desert and tea or coffee. Entre choices are penne vodka, melanzane ripiene (rolled eggplant), chicken marsala or polo parmigiana. Cash bar. All women of the parish are invited to join us. Please RSVP to Ellen Cote, (860) 354-5883 or ebcote@yahoo.com by June 8th if you can come, please advise your choice of dinner entre when you RSVP.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

The latest information we have received is that the Archbishop's Appeal has received \$51,752.00 in pledges and gifts from our parishioners. Our goal is \$60,000. We are grateful to the 239 families and individuals who have made a commitment. We ask that everyone consider making a pledge or gift to the appeal, so that we can reach our goal. Only 11 percent of our parishioners have responded in any way.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION will be our regular Monthly Collection.



OFFERTORY - May 21	= \$4,906.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$270.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$270.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,366.00
Catholic Communications	= \$1,511.00

SFX Parish Council Corner

Your Parish Council is looking for a few good men and women. Meet current council members at the next Donut Sunday - June 4th. Find out more about the things we do and help us make St. Francis a better place for all parishioners. You can email us at SFX.pcouncil@gmail.com any time for comments and/or suggestions.

Parish Council Nominations

The St. Francis Parish Pastoral Council is seeking nominations to serve our Parish. A table is set up in the Church Hall with more information.

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 pm, Thursday, 3rd FL
- Boy Scout Troop 66** - Darrin Thorndike 860-799-0730
- Cub Scout Pack 66** - Steve Morris 203-526-6254



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

Faith Formation
860-354-5372

CONFIRMATION YEAR TWO: the date for the Confirmation ceremony is: Sat., June 3rd. If your son/daughter is in the Wednesday afternoon or evening classes your Confirmation will be in the morning ceremony (10:00am). **Rehearsal** for the morning ceremony is Tues., May 30th at 7:15pm. If your son/daughter is in the Sunday classes your Confirmation will be held in the afternoon ceremony (1:00pm). **Rehearsal** for the afternoon ceremony is Wed., May 31st at 6:30pm. Please bring your sponsor to the **rehearsal** if possible, if not a parent or guardian **MUST** stand in. Both **rehearsals** and ceremonies will take place at the Church. Call Sue P. with questions. An email confirmation was sent out to everyone this past week.



GRADUATION MASS AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: will take place on Sun., June 4th following the 5pm Mass. All High School seniors and their families are invited to attend this special Mass where they will be recognized for all their hard work and dedication.

A reception will follow in the Church hall. Please call 860-354-5372 to RSVP with your name and number attending with you. Thanks.

“BE OUR GUEST” at BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Do you want/ need a parent night out if so, reserve Saturday, June 17th following the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Francis. Rain or shine (we will be indoors) so please come “be our guest”. Pizza, salad and goodies will be served. You can come to Mass in your pajamas, bring a pillow and blanket and parent pick up will be at 9pm. RSVP to Sue at spullen@sfxnewmilford.org or call the office by Wed., June 14th. One child/\$15. Two/\$25. Three or more/\$30. (for ages 4 and up). All proceeds will benefit our Steubenville retreat. Adults and teens will be present during movie night, so you are welcome to drop off your kiddies and come back later.

REGISTRATION 2017-2018: was held. A letter with all the details was mailed a month ago. You must come or call the office to register. The Faith Formation office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00am– 12:30pm and 1:30–5:00pm. We are closed on Fridays. We will also be closed on Mon., May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

SUMMER SPIRIT 2017: Join us this summer in our fun-filled Summer Spirit program. This year’s program will be held July 10-14, 8:45am – 12:00noon (Monday through Thursday) and until 1:00pm on Friday for our annual Friday cookout. Your child will have a great week participating in music, art, outdoor play, Bible stories and other great activities. Summer Spirit is open to children entering Kindergarten through and including grade 6. Campers and counselors must be currently enrolled in Faith Formation or have been Confirmed to register. Cost: \$20./one child, \$20./two children and \$35./three or more children. \$10./counselor. **Cost includes Summer Spirit t-shirt, arts and crafts, daily snack and drinks, Friday cookout, special entertainment. Registration is at the Faith Formation office during office hours. Any questions please call 860-354-5372.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Join us on Sat., June 10th 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.

PRAY – N – WASH: Mark the dates on your calendar Sat., June 24th before, during and after the 5pm Mass and Sun., June 25th before, during and after the 7:30am, 10am and 5pm Masses. This will benefit our youth attending the Steubenville retreat in July.

The View From WHAT IS AAADD?



My Window

They say the older you get, the faster time flies. Even though we know that there are still sixty seconds to a minute, sixty minutes to an hour, twenty-four hours to the day, the perception can definitely fool us into thinking that we are living in some kind of time warp and things are progressing a bit faster than in the past. Now that we are almost at the end of May, I realize that it was about this time last year that I was told that I would be transferred to New Milford.

So here we are, steaming toward June and July, and I have been through a whole year of parish life, going from event to event, feast day to feast day. Where has the time gone? As I look back, it seems to almost be a blur- that which was so important on the future calendar now is just a memory, and very often, it seems that we just go from one event to another.

This is all, I think, a microcosm of what our society is like. So many things which seem to be so important to us at the time, fade from our interest so fast. We often wander from one task to another, from one project to another, often feeling unfulfilled and empty.

Sometimes my life seems to be like that- going from one thing to another, doing a lot of things but accomplishing little. That's when I realize that I am afflicted with "AAADD."

What is AAADD? It is "Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder." I'll give you an example of how it works in my life.

My day starts at 6:30 AM when I get up, shower, get dressed, and go over to the church for morning Mass. After Mass, I like to spend some time in prayer at the church, and then, usually by 9:00 or so, head back to the parish house. I'll make a cup of coffee, have some breakfast, and then head to my office. This is where the AAADD kicks in.

I first check for emails and messages on the phone. I might also check out Facebook, to see what's going on with the rest of my friends. I will put on the news on my computer to see if I've missed any great events that happened overnight. I may check to see if President Trump wrote anything exciting on Twitter.

I begin trying to clean off my desk. I notice a marriage form that I have not completed, so I begin doing that. I open the top drawer of my desk for a pen, and see some keys laying there. I decide to label the keys, so I begin walking around the office, trying out keys. It is then I notice that someone has raised the thermostat in the office, making it unbearably warm. I head to the thermostat, and see that there's some mail which needs to be stamped. Before I get the first piece of mail in the stamp machine, I see some messages in my mail box from the night before. I begin reading these messages when the phone rings. I rush back to my desk to answer the phone when I remember that the Easter Mass schedule is still on the voice mail system. I click on my computer to look up the voice mail prompt, when I notice that I've gotten some emails. I click on the email icon when the mailman comes with a giant pile of mail. I begin sorting the mail when I notice a birthday card I sent has been returned because of a wrong address. I go on the computer again to my label writer program to check on the address. As I am doing this, I see that my label writer has run out of labels. I check my desk drawer for labels, when I see some bills that are long overdue. I pull out the checkbook to pay the bills, when I realize that I have not made a recent deposit to the bank. I go over to the garage and get in my car so I can go to the bank and make the deposits. On my way to the bank, I decide to go through the drive-thru at Dunkin Donuts to get a breakfast sandwich on a croissant. I try eating the sandwich when tons of crumbs tumble down to the floor. I then go over to the car wash to get the car cleaned. As I am entering the car wash, I realize that the inspection is overdo on my car. I come back in the office to book an inspection, when I decide to grab a bottle of water out of the fridge. I open the fridge and see that the water has frozen, so I put the water out on my desk to defrost. I then notice that the marriage form is still laying there. So my desk is still a mess, the marriage form is not completed, the keys have not been labeled, the thermostat is still high, the mail has not been stamped, my messages are still unread, I never answered the phone, the Easter Mass schedule is still on the voice mail system, my emails haven't been answered, the mail has not been sorted, I am still out of labels, the bills have not been paid, the checks have not been deposited, my car hasn't been inspected, and I need a nap. Then I wonder aloud why I've been so busy, why I'm so tired, and nothing ever gets done.

Does your life seem like that, too? Well, I decided to take my time into my own hands. I decided to call a counselor for help. So I sat down at my desk, went to my computer, google searched a counselor in the area. In the middle of my google search, I noticed a marriage license on my desk that needed to be completed. I looked in my desk for a pen....

Love,

Fr. Joe