

St. Francis Xavier Parish

July 2, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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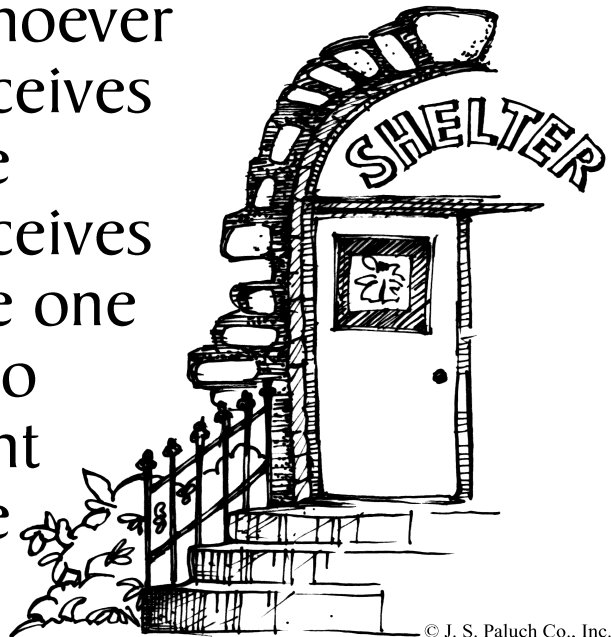
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 - July 1

5:00 P.M. +Kenny Hipp
Req. by John & Judy DeAlessio

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - July 2

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 Lisa Biagiarelli
5:00 P.M. +Gloria Barry
Req. by Patti & Bob Fisher & Family

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass -July 3

TUESDAY - July 4

9:00 A.M. For Peace and Justice

WEDNESDAY - July 5

8:00 A.M. +Hugh Nuremberg
Req. by Tom Fogarty

THURSDAY - July 6

6:30 P.M. +Anna Funaro
Req. by The Lalak Family

FRIDAY - July 7

8:00 A.M. +Cecilia and Anna Farrell
Req. by Jo DeCosa

SATURDAY VIGIL - July 8

5:00 P.M. For the Intentions of Kaitlyn Lynch and
Christopher Teehan on their wedding day
Req. by Their Family

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - July 9

7:30 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier &
The Immaculate Conception Province
10:00 A.M. +Hugh & Doris Brooks
Req. by Their Family
5:00 P.M. Special Intention of Justin Mylie
Req. by His Mom and Brother

TUESDAY, JULY 4th - Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Mass on Tuesday, July 4th,
will be held at **9:00 a.m.** All are welcome to join us
as we pray for Peace celebrating our country's
Independence and the blessings of liberty!!
(No evening Mass on July 4th.)



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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - At the request of Archbishop Blair and the Archdiocese of Hartford, we are sorry to announce that the Franciscan Friars will no longer be staffing St. Francis Xavier Church. The effective date of the transfer of the parish to priests of the Archdiocese will be July 17.

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:

- July 4 - Daily Mass at 9 a.m.
- July 10 - 14 - Summer Spirit!!!
- July 18 - Prayer Shawl Ministry - 1pm - Parish Ctr.
- July 21-23 - Steubenville NYC
- July 28 & 29 - Village Fair Days
- Aug. 1 - Knights of Columbus - 8pm - Church Hall
- Aug. 6 - Donut Sunday
- Aug. 6 - Fiddler on the Roof, 2:30 pm, \$25/person
At the Abbey of Regina Laudis Theater.
Children 11 and under are free with a paying adult. (More details to follow)
- Aug. 15 - Feast of the Assumption- 8 am & 6:30 pm

Parish Council Email Address

Your Parish Council would like to hear from you!
Thoughts, Ideas, Questions, Suggestions?
sfx.pccouncil@gmail.com

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.

Our PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Tues., July 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome to join this ministry.

Parish Offices are closed Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4. They will re-open on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

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.

The NEW MILFORD FOOD BANK – suggested items to donate: non-perishable items:

peanut butter & jelly , cereal or oatmeal, pasta/pasta sauce, diced or crushed tomatoes, cracker, cookies, rice (white or brown), muffin/cake mixes, juice, coffee, tea, canned soups-chicken, veggie, lentil/cream, canned meals (stew ravioli/chili, etc.), canned vegetables, canned tuna/chicken/salmon, canned fruit or dried fruit, boxed meals (mac & cheese/seasoned rice, seasoned pasta, etc.), quinoa, barley, canned beans or dried beans (black, white, red, baked...), frosting, school snacks (fruit cups, applesauce, granola bars, small snack packs, etc), condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard, salad dressing, relish), (low salt/low sodium, organic & gluten free products are welcome).

Also needed are personal hygiene (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, etc.), paper goods (paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, garbage bags, sandwich bags, storage bags, tissues, aluminum foil, cleaning products (dish soap, laundry detergent, household cleaners, etc.). These items need to be marked N.M. Food Bank and we will deliver or you may drop them off at the Richmond Center Social Services department. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity to our Community.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION will be our Regular Monthly Collection used to offset the cost of utilities.



Sacrificial Giving

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OFFERTORY - June 25	= \$5,054.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$278.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$278.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,498.00



Honoring Those Who Serve!

During the month of July we will be remembering those who have served our country and community. If you would like to honor a loved one or friend, living or deceased, there will be stars in the back of the hall after each Mass. Please write their name and information such as rank and type of service (military branch, police, firefighter, EMT, etc.). We will honor our heroes by placing these stars on a banner to display in the church.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal - We are getting closer to our parish goal of \$60,000.00. To date we have received \$52,252.00 in pledges from 250 parish households. We still haven't heard from many of our parishioners, however, and would like to reach our goal as soon as possible. If you haven't yet made a pledge or a gift to the appeal, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

Village Fair Days Volunteers Needed:

St. Francis Xavier booth is looking for volunteers to represent the parish in the community and help with sharing information. Our booth will have baskets of goodies for a drawing. If you are available to help in the booth Fri., July 28th and/or Sat., July 29th, please sign up in the Church Hall. There is a time schedule and you may sign up for a few hours or more. Thanks in advance for your help with this fun project. Please call the office with questions.

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.



MISSION APPEAL JULY 1-2

This weekend we will be having our annual Mission Cooperative Appeal. We welcome Father Julius of the Society of African Missions, a society of missionaries who come from around the world and are dedicated to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in Africa and among African people. The SMA missionaries have been present in Africa since 1856. Our second collection will benefit the Society. Please make any checks payable to the parish (St. Francis Xavier), as we will send the proceeds of our second collection to the Archdiocese to process for the African Missions. Please be generous.



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

REGISTRATION 2017-2018: was held. A letter with all the details was mailed in March and phone calls were placed this past week and SEVERAL email reminders were sent out to. A LATE FEE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$25. PER CHILD WILL BE CHARGED. 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.

PRAY – N – WASH: THANK YOU!!!

The car wash was a success, we made over \$1700. THANK YOU to one and all. This will be benefiting our youth attending the Steubenville retreat later this month.

NOTE TO CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS:

If you have not returned your Catechists/Assistants manual/cds please do so immediately. Thanks.

SUMMER SPIRIT: we are in need of the following items to be donated for the program: apple juice, goldfish, cheese its, pretzels and CHEESE BALLS for the snack portion. The service project portion we will need donations of: shoe boxes, individual pack of tissues, “new” Beanie Babies, puzzles, crayons, balls, stickers, books, matchbox cars (please note these items will be put in a box to be used as “Activity” boxes for children going through illness, relocation, etc.) Items may be dropped off at the Parish Center (office) or call and let us know what you will be bringing the first day. Thanks for your help.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Join us on Sat., July 8th at the 5pm Mass. After the opening prayer all the children in grades K-5 will be invited to hear the Liturgy of the Work 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 call the Faith Formation office. God bless.

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This Fall, over 570 children and young people, in grades Kindergarten through Grade 10, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and our Catholic Faith. YOU can help them to learn and grow in Faith by becoming a Catechist or Assistant in our Faith Formation program. As you nurture the Faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well. As one long time catechist said, “I learn so much from the children!” We provide you with materials, training and support. Classes begin Sun., Sept. 24th and **meet every other week.** (that works out to be only 15 classes). If interested or you would like more information for grades K-5 please call Chris Grenier and for more information for grades 6-10 or Youth Ministry please call Sue Pullen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Sundays – 11:30am – 1:00pm

5th Grade – Catechist and Assistant

Sundays – 2:45 – 4:15pm

6th Grade – Assistant

8th Grade - Assistant

Mondays – 3:00 – 4:30pm

10th Grade – Confirmation – Assistant

Mondays – 6:30 – 8:00pm

6th Grade – 2 Catechists and 3 Assistants

7th Grade – Catechist and Assistant

8th Grade – Assistant

Tuesdays – 6:30 – 8:00pm

6th Grade – Catechist and 2 Assistants

7th Grade - Catechist and 2 Assistants

8th Grade – Catechist and Assistant

Wednesday – 6:30 – 8:00pm

9th Grade – Confirmation – Catechist and Assistant

10th Grade – Confirmation – Assistant

Tuesday NES – 3:30 – 5:00pm

Kdg. – Catechist and Assistant

1st Grade – Catechist and Assistant

2nd Grade – 3 Catechists and 3 Assistants

Wednesday SNIS – 3:30 – 5:00pm

3rd Grade – Catechist and Assistant

4th Grade – Catechist and Assistant

5th Grade – Catechist and Assistant

Thursday SNIS – 3:30 – 5:00pm

4th Grade – Catechist and Assistant

5th Grade – Assistant

The View From **Transitions**



My Window

This week we are announcing that Brother Courtland and I will be leaving St. Francis Xavier in a few weeks. The Archbishop has decided that our ministry is no longer needed here at SFX, and a new pastor will be appointed.

Transitions are a part of life. We live with change. As we get older, our bodies change. There are things we can no longer do as we get older, even things that we have loved to do for a long time. Our legs give out, our hearing lessens, our sight diminishes, we become more unsure of ourselves.

Transitions also hit home this month as I prepare to move to my new parish. I am no longer the young priest of 26 who boldly walked into my first assignment in Pittsburgh back in 1976. Celebrating my 41st anniversary of ordination this year, and being a friar for almost 50 years, I hope I have grown in wisdom and spiritual insight. Or maybe not. I know that as I get older I tend to see things a lot differently, and also tend to break rules a little more.

Getting jolted out of our comfort zone can be a good thing, but unfortunately I haven't been here long enough for that. Moving here from Manhattan was in itself a big challenge- it had been many years since I lived in such a "rural" setting. I had to get used to the quiet, the dark roads driving at night, and activities of the town.

What will happen in the near future, I do not know for sure. I think that SFX will be in the middle of a major transition as well- but that has yet to be determined. You know that you will always be in my prayers.

Every parish I have pastored I have spent a long period of time- from 13 years in Pittsburgh, 10 years in Derry NH, 12 years in Manhattan. So I am not used to having such a short pastorate of one year.

I can tell you frankly that I am not happy with this situation. I have grown to love this parish and its parishioners, and am wondering why, just a month or so ago, we received a letter stating that the parish would remain an independent parish with me as the pastor.

Please pray for Brother Courtland and myself. We have received new assignments from our Franciscan province, and will take up the challenge. God bless all of you and thank you for your support.

Love,
Fr. Joe

GODPARENTS & SPONSORS...Have you been asked to be a sponsor or godparent for the sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation? This is a great opportunity to be an example of faith to inspire those receiving these sacraments. However, please be aware that the church expects godparents and sponsors to be practicing Catholics, who will serve as models of faith. If you are asking for a certificate of eligibility for this, or are having your own child baptized or confirmed, please be aware of the requirements: Sponsor/Godparent must be a practicing Catholic (which means regularly attending Sunday Mass and practicing their Catholic faith.) They must be registered here at St. Francis or in the parish where they worship. They must be fully initiated into the Church, that is, have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. They must be at least 16 years of age. If they are married, their marriage must be recognized as valid by the church.