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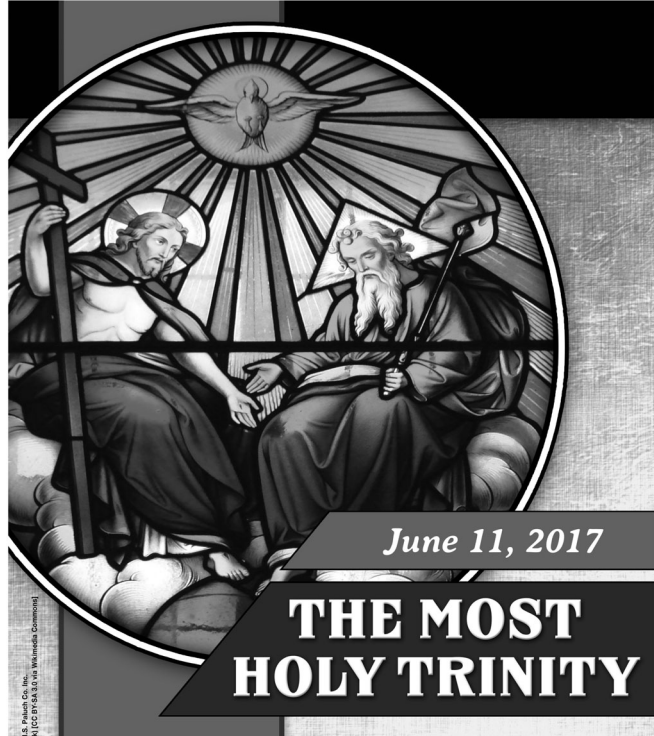
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St. Francis Xavier Parish



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 - June 10

5:00 P.M. +John J. Haran, Jr.
Req. by Jo DeCosa

The Most Holy Trinity

SUNDAY - June 11

7:30 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier & The Immaculate Conception Province
10:00 A.M. +Eugene Verrastro
Req. by George & Jocelyne Verrastro & Family
5:00 P.M. +Bob Driscoll
Req. by His Wife & Children

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - June 12

TUESDAY - June 13

6:30 P.M. +Ana Lia Salcedo, Louis Mariano Delgado and Tadeo Delgado
Req. by Their Family

WEDNESDAY - June 14

8:00 A.M. +Yvon Michaud (8th Anniversary)
Req. by His Wife, Ginny

THURSDAY - June 15

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

FRIDAY - June 16

8:00 A.M. +Martha E. Lalak
Req. by The Lalak Family

SATURDAY VIGIL - June 17

5:00 P.M. +Gilbert Speede & Debra Bello
Req. by The Speede Family

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

SUNDAY - June 18

7:30 A.M. In Honor of All Fathers - Living and Deceased
10:00 A.M. +Raymond O'Brien
Req. by His Wife and Children
5:00 P.M. +Neil & Carol Lynch
Req. by Their 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.

Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows: Celebrating our Catholic Marriages and Families Next Sunday, Father's Day, at our 10 AM Mass

Father's Day is an important time to celebrate and promote the role of fatherhood within the Christian family. Fathers, by their word and example, pass on the faith and reflect the image of God the Father within their homes. Christian marriages reflect the relationship between Christ and the Church and have the Holy Family as their primary model.

As devoted Catholics, members of the Knights of Columbus nourish, support and strengthen Catholic family life through parish-based programs and charitable works. Today, our parish's Knights of Columbus council invites each couple present to affirm their wedding vows. We hope that by doing so you and your spouse will again experience the grace received on your wedding day, when you gave witness to the union of Christ and the Church. We pray that your marriage continues to be strengthened through the example of the Holy Family and the love that comes from Christ.

LADIES-Join us for a Trip to Elizabeth Gardens!

The Women's Guild is taking a carpool trip to Elizabeth Gardens, in Hartford on Saturday, June 24th. We're meeting in the Church parking lot at 9 AM, leaving at 9:15. Admission to the Gardens is free. There is a picnic area in addition to the Pond House Cafe for lunch. Elizabeth Gardens has on it's 100 acres formal Victorian gardens and 15,000 roses. Rain date is Sunday, June 25th. For more information contact Ellen Cote, (860) 354-5883 or ebcote@yahoo.com. All women of the parish are invited to join us.

COMMUNITY GARDEN BLESSING

We will be blessing the St. Francis Xavier Community Garden after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass this weekend. Please join us as we ask for God's blessing, for an abundance of good growth, fertile ground, and many blessings to those who cultivate the garden. As you know, the Community Garden contributes to the needs of the hungry.

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.



Baby Bottle Drive Ends Next Weekend!!!

St. Francis Xavier Parish has been holding a Baby Bottle Drive fund raiser which began on Mother's Day in support of Carolyn's Place in Waterbury. Carolyn's Place opened over 25 years ago when Fr. Robert Rousseau found a newborn baby in a cardboard box in the front pew of the Church as he was locking up for the night. A note was in the box which asked that whoever found the baby to please take care of her. Her mom could not. Father decided to baptize the baby and named her Carolyn. Some weeks later, with a group of local parishioners, Carolyn's Place was opened. They are a charity run group who assist any woman who becomes pregnant and needs physical, spiritual or emotional support. The Baby Bottle Drive began on Mothers Day and ends on Fathers Day. Each family was asked to take a bottle home and put whatever loose change that has been accumulated during the day into the bottle. **The bottles will be collected next weekend.**

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week's Second Collection will benefit The Catholic Relief Services to respond to Jesus in Disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Sacrificial Giving

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OFFERTORY - June 4	= \$5,125.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$282.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$282.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,561.00
Monthly Collection	= \$2,838.00

Women's Guild Dinner Reminder

The **Women's Guild** June meeting is Dinner at Colosseo, 38 Park Lane Road, on Tuesday, June 13th at 7 pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please call Ellen Cote, (860) 354-5883 or ebcote@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Reminder...We have "Online Giving"

Online Giving is a convenient, secure and confidential way to make your How Do I Get Started?

1. Visit our parish website www.sfxnewmilford.org
2. Click on the Online Giving link
3. Click on the Create New Account link.

If you have any questions or need help, please call the office staff for assistance.

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:

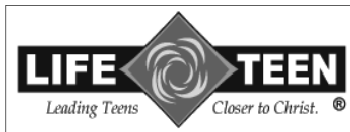
- Confraternity of the Rosary**-First Monday -Noon, Church Hall
- Knit for Life** - Patty Snodgrass - 860-355-4578
- Knights of Columbus** - For information call 860-355-3462
- Lay Missionaries of Charity** - Joan Kick 860-354-1323
- Maintenance Ministry** - Tom and Cathy 914-843-5193
- Our Lady Queen 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.

DISCIPLESHIP AWARDS

The following received a Discipleship Award from the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis which was presented to them on June 10th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford:

- William Ginn
- Allison Perrault
- Michael Price
- Michael Smith
- Kaylei Thomas

These young people were given this recognition as they have exercised their baptismal call, serving as role models in regards to Church and Catholic Social teachings, serving their peers and community with unwavering commitment and dedication. Congratulations from the parishioners here at St. Francis Xavier and may God continue bless each of you in your future endeavors.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Join us on **Saturday, July 8th** 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 and 10am Masses. This will benefit our youth

attending the Steubenville retreat in July.

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REGISTRATION 2017-2018: was held. A letter with all the details was mailed over 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.

CONFIRMANDI OF 2017

These Candidates received Confirmation on June 3rd: BLESSINGS to the CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017: Mya Barrett, Mackenzie Beck, Luke Beebe, Alexander Bissonette, Lily Blanchard, Samantha Burns, Stephanie Cafiero, *Tiernan Crossley, *Elaina daFonte, *Joseph DeMilio, Jenna Drahota, Alexa Duncan, Ryan Fanella, *Emma-Jolee Fischetti, John Galligan, Connor Gannon, Evan Golembeske, Guillermo Gomez, Mason Gsell, Zachary Guinta, *Grace Harty, Matthew Hassiak, Zachery Hook, Kevin Hughes, Ryan Kayfus, Matthew Kelly, Hannah Kenny, Tristen Lee, *John Leonard, Nicholas Magnante, *Michael McCluskey, Sean Murphy, Eli Nahom, Chloe Onorato, Christina Onorato, Joanne Ortiz, Eric Pacific, Emily Papp, Lauren Pearce, **Logan Plaisted, Alessandra Prontelli, Michael Rafferty, *Tucker Redstone, *Sofia Rivas, Anna Santarelli, Margaret Sartoris, Nicholas Scarcella, John Shaw, Courtney Sibbitt, *Bridget Snyder, Connor Stahl, Kevin Terry, Emily Thompson, Julie Voyez, Karolina Zimny, Jack Zona and Trevor Zupcoe.

*These candidates joined us from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Washington CT.

**This candidate joined us from Our Lady of the Lakes in New Milford.

Two Candidates received Confirmation on May 1st at Canterbury School: Michael Cavuoto and Nicholas Cavuoto.

Once again congratulations and may God continue to bless you as you journey forward in your faith.

Please return catechist materials...

If you have not returned your Catechists/Assistants manual/cds/etc. please do so as quickly as possible. Thank you!

The View From **The View from my Window**



If you've ever had doubts about the future of our nation and our church, and wondered whether the younger generation would be able to sustain our values, I hope you were at the 5:00 PM Mass last Sunday, June 4, when we honored our graduates and awarded young men and women from our parish with scholarships as they graduate from high school. I cannot emphasize enough how overwhelmed I was by these young graduates, their involvement in our parish and in so many other aspects of our society, and their plans for the future. To see them standing there, to interact with them, gave me great hope for the future and demonstrated the wonderful influence a good Catholic upbringing could have on our children. Listed below are the introductions, written by our Administrative Assistant Doreen Gray, which were used at the graduation Mass.

Kaylei Thomas

We wish you well with your future endeavors as a Psychology Major at Salem State University. We want to thank you for being a catechist and wonderful role model for the younger children in our parish. Thank you also for volunteering to serve as a counselor in our Summer Spirit program. You are to be commended for the time you give in community service with the Key Club and Leo Club.

May you continue to walk closely with our Lord.

Michael Smith

We wish you well with your future endeavors as a Computer Science Major at Lawrence Technological University. We want to thank you for your dedication to our parish by serving as an Usher, being an active Life Teen member, deepening your faith at Steubenville Conferences, caroling at the Nursing Home, and washing dishes for several straight hours at the Veterans Dinner! Your attention to service is exemplary!

May God shine down His Blessings on you!

Michael Price

We wish you well with your future endeavors as an Actuarial Science Major at the University of Connecticut. We want to thank you for your dedication to our parish with many service projects which included: the Veterans Dinner, St. Francis Cemetery Clean-Up, Life Teen Food Fast, and Rake and Bake. You are to be commended for volunteering to be an Assistant Catechist for the 6th graders in our parish.

May the Grace of Our Lord be with you.

Allison Perrault

We wish you well with your future endeavors as a Social Work Major at Southern Connecticut State University. We want to thank you for being a Summer Spirit counselor for the younger children in our parish and for the countless hours you volunteer in our community with the Relay for Life, Rake and Bake, Girl Scouting and Dreams Come True. Your service to others is to be commended. May God bless you today and always.

Abigail Myhill

We wish you well with your future endeavors as an Animal Science Major at North Carolina State University. We want to thank you for the many hours you devote to the Music Ministry in our parish, volunteering for the Christmas Pageant, Nursing Home Caroling, Stations of the Cross and so many other occasions. Thank you also for serving as a counselor in our Summer Spirit program. You are to be commended for the time you give to the Red Cross, the Thanksgiving Food Drive and helping the homeless.

May you continue to Sing God's Praises all the days of your life!

Patrick Murphy

We wish you well with your future endeavors as a Journalism Major at Pennsylvania State University. We want to thank you for your dedication to your Catholic faith by participating in many areas within our parish; from helping at the Veterans Dinner to the Rake and Bake to being a Retreat Team member. You are to be commended for pursuing the training to become a Eucharistic Minister for St. Francis Parish.

May God's Light always shine on you.

Megan Lynch

We wish you well with your future endeavors as a Biology Major at the University of Rhode Island. We thank you for strengthening your faith by attending a Steubenville Conference. We admire your aspiration to attend medical and pursue becoming a doctor. We know your Catholic faith will guide you as you journey to your goal. May you always stand in the Light of God.

William Ginn

We wish you well with your future endeavors as a Finance Major at the University of Connecticut. We want to thank you for being a catechist for the younger children in our parish and for the time you devoted to help with our Summer Spirit program, the Christmas Pageant, being an Altar Server and a Master of Ceremony. You are to be commended for sharing your leadership skills with the Boy Scouts.

May God continue to bless you on your life's journey.

Nicholas Fitch

We wish you well with your future endeavors as a Music Education Major at Berklee College of Music. We want to thank you for being a member of our Music Ministry for the past seven years sharing your talents at weekend Masses, First Communions, Confirmations, Holy Days, our Christmas Pageant and various other occasions. We also thank you for serving as a Summer Spirit counselor for several years and helping at the Veterans Dinners. You are to be commended for the time and devotion you show to your parish community and your commitment to your faith.

May you always Praise God with drums and dance, and Praise God with clashing cymbals!

Ashley Carroccio

We wish you well with your future endeavors as a Physical Education Major at Central Connecticut State University. We want to thank you for being a catechist for the younger children in our parish and for the countless hours you volunteered to help with the Veteran's Dinner, the Gone Fishing Retreat and Summer Spirit. You are to be commended for the time you give to the Athletic Council and the NAMES program.

May God's Love give you Peace and Joy!

Congratulations, graduates and scholarship winners. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Fr. Joe