



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

June 4, 2017  
Pentecost Sunday

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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 - 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

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - June 5**

**TUESDAY - June 6**

6:30 P.M. +Raymond O'Brien  
Req. by His Wife & Children

**WEDNESDAY - June 7**

8:00 A.M. +Bernard Kindilien  
Req. by Joyce & Stan Wetmore

**THURSDAY - June 8**

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

**FRIDAY - June 9**

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


**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

**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: Helen Burke Russell Carlson

 The St. Francis Xavier Memorial Window is illuminated this week for Jeff Donahue Requested by The Shemeley Family

**Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows**  
The Knights of Columbus, Council 40 will host "Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows" at the June 18, 10AM Mass. In cooperation with Fr Joe, we invite all married couples to join Council 40 for this first annual event to affirm their commitment of wedding vows. A reception will follow the Mass in the Church Hall. Please join Council 40 for this wonderful event.

**SFX Council Corner**  
Your Parish Council is looking for a few good men and women. A table is set up in the Church Hall with a nomination box and more information. Next Parish Council meeting is Thursday, June 8th. You can email us at SFX.pcouncil@gmail.com for comments and/or suggestions.

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.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**  
This past month, after years of study, 3 men were ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends - and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, **you** help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today. We pray for the success of the 2017 Appeal, and for the success of the many services and programs your generosity to the Appeal makes possible.

**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, dessert 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 when you RSVP.

**BEQUESTS**

DID YOU KNOW...that if you pass away without a Will the State of Connecticut has one for you? The State's distribution of your property may not reflect your intentions. Why not write your own, and please consider a bequest to support our St. Francis Xavier Parish.

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION** will benefit: Catholic Relief Services - Bishops' Overseas Collection.

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help *Jesus in Disguise*. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



OFFERTORY - May 28	= \$5,503.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$303.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$303.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,897.00
Ascension Day	= \$1,390.00

**HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD**

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko,  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
860-541-6475

[Kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org](mailto:Kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org)

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the [Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults](#).

This document is also available online at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org). The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:

State Department of Children and Families Care-line  
1-800-842-2288

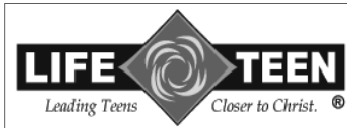
Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:

Abuse Investigations Division of the Office of  
Protection and Advocacy  
for Persons with Disabilities  
1-800-842-7303

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:

Department of Social Services for the Elderly  
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



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

**FAITH FORMATION**  
860-354-5372

**“BE OUR GUEST” at BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** Do you want/need a “Parent Night Out” if so, reserve **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm.** Rain or shine (we will be indoors) so please come “be our guest”. Pizza, salad and goodies will be served.

Your child(ren) can come to the Church Hall in their pajamas, bring a pillow and blanket and **parent pick up will be at 8:30 pm.** RSVP to Sue at [spullen@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:spullen@sfxnewmilford.org) or call the office by Wed., June 7<sup>th</sup>. 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, or stay if you like!

**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.

**LAST CALL: 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.



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

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY:** Join us on **Sat., June 10<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**FIVE YEAR RECOGNITION AWARDS**

The following received their Recognition Awards for 5 years of Service in our Faith Formation Program at our Appreciation Mass and Dinner on May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

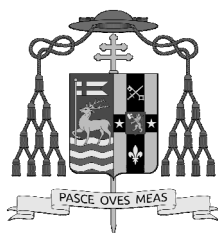
- Sandy Boland
- Diane Goetz
- Kelly Gray
- Skyler Gustas
- Kim Hassiak
- Inga Natoli
- Jessica Smith
- Valerie Walsh



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Again we thank each and every one of our volunteers for their service and dedication to the children.

**GRADUATION MASS AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY:** will take place **THIS Sun., June 4<sup>th</sup>** at 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.



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OFFICE OF  
THE ARCHBISHOP

## Pentecost 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I last wrote to you in your individual parishes about the implementation of our pastoral plan, I said that it was not meant to be an end, but a new beginning for our Archdiocese. This echoes the mysteries of faith we celebrate at this time of year. Christ's resurrection at Easter is not an end, but an unimagined new beginning unleashed with the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, which we celebrate today.

At the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, in his homily Pope Francis said something that applies to us at this moment of our history: "...with [Mary's] protection may we be for our world sentinels of the dawn, contemplating the true face of Jesus the savior, resplendent at Easter. Thus may we discover the young and beautiful face of the church, which shines forth when she is missionary, welcoming, free, faithful, poor in means and rich in love."

As we move beyond the restructuring of parishes and consider ways to further our mission at every level, Church law provides for the convocation of what is known as a diocesan Synod. This is a gathering of representatives of the clergy, religious and lay faithful convoked by the Bishop for the purpose of a focused discussion and recommendation to the Bishop of priorities and practical steps to order and promote the life and mission of the local Church.

The last Synod for the Archdiocese of Hartford was held in 1996, and it is now my intention to convoke another one, to be concluded at Pentecost in June of 2019. I am consulting with our Presbyteral Council, among others, about this possibility.

The success of a Synod depends in large part on intensive preparation, consultation and study, as well as the selection and training of delegates; hence the need for two years before the actual event. In the meantime I ask that everyone pray for God's blessing on our efforts, especially through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and our Archdiocesan patron, Saint Joseph.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford