



St. Francis Xavier Parish

July 16, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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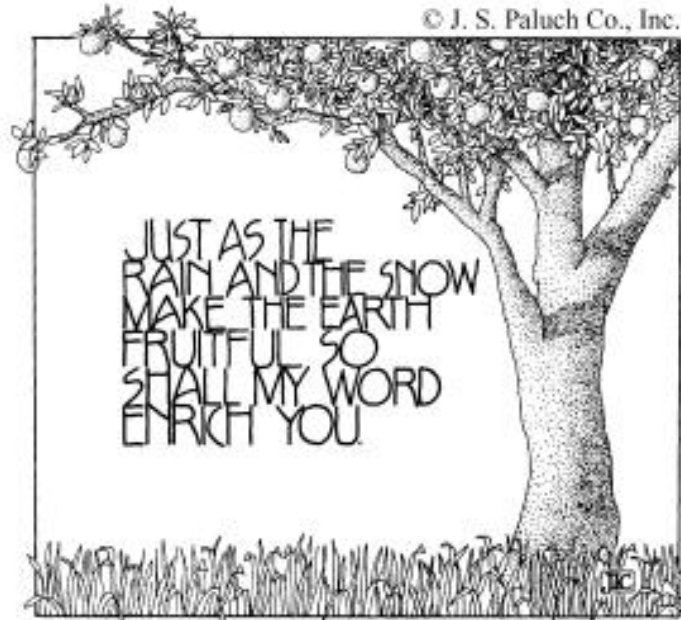
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.





St. Francis sends a final
farewell
to our dearly departed:

Michael Cleary

SATURDAY VIGIL - July 15

5:00 P.M. +Robert LaViolette (7th Anniversary)
Req. by Adrian & Doreen Gray

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SUNDAY - July 16

7:30 A.M. +Mark & Bertha Ballard
Req. by Virginia Driscoll & Family

10:00 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier &
The Immaculate Conception Province

5:00 P.M. +Lucia Grenier (16th Anniversary)
Req. by Her Son, Marcel & Family

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - July 17

TUESDAY - July 18

6:30 P.M. +Joseph Twomey
Req. by Joseph & Gail Bailey

WEDNESDAY - July 19

8:00 A.M. +Howard Bakewell
Req. by Lorraine Estok

THURSDAY - July 20

6:30 P.M. +Mary Pat Love & Joseph Brennan
Req. by The Mullane Family

FRIDAY - July 21

8:00 A.M. +Anna Marie Menard
Req. by Darlene Adam

SATURDAY VIGIL - July 22

5:00 P.M. +Gloria Barry
Req. by Dave, Nancy & Kaitlin Lynch

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - July 23

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

10:00 A.M. +Donna Sobeski
Req. by The Donatucci Family

5:00 P.M. +Martha E. Lalak
Req. by The Lalak 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.

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM
ARCHBISHOP LEONARD BLAIR**


The Archdiocese of Hartford has officially announced that Father Gerald Dziedzic, the new pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes, has been appointed the pastor here at St. Francis Xavier, and Father Chacko Kumplam will be the new pastoral associate.

This is the last weekend the Franciscan Friars will be staffing St. Francis Xavier Parish. Both Fr. Joe and Br. Courtland have received new assignments. On behalf of Father Robert Campagna, O.F.M., Provincial Minister of the Immaculate Conception Province, and the Provincial Council, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve this parish for the last twenty years. We hope that our Franciscan presence has been a blessing to our parishioners, as certainly you have been a blessing to all of the friars who have served here. We ask that you continue to be a blessing to all those who serve our parish, especially Father Gerald Dziedzic, your new pastor, and the new pastoral associate, Father Chacko Kumplam.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Through an arrangement with the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, parishioners, families, and friends are invited to attend the 2:30 p.m. matinee performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" on Sunday, August 6. The performance will take place on the Abbey grounds at The Gary-The Oliva Theater located at 249 Flanders Road, Bethlehem. The Parish Council is recommending this wonderful event as a special outing for our parishioners. The group ticket price is \$25.00 per adult, children 11 and under are free with a paying adult. The show is approximately 2 ½ hours long. For information and tickets, please call Christine Zona at (860) 210-7892.

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



New Addresses

Fr. Joseph Lorenzo, O.F.M.
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PO Box 487
Catskill NY 12414-0487

Br. Courtland Campbell, O.F.M.
Padua Friary
151 Thompson Street
New York NY 10012

**ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD
Office of the Archbishop
July 15/16, 2017**

Dear Parishioners of Saint Francis Xavier Parish,

For the past twenty years, the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province have served the Parish of Saint Francis Xavier in New Milford. I am very grateful not only for their pastoral ministry, but also for their example and witness of religious life. I am confident that parishioners have benefited spiritually from the presence of the Franciscans among you.

The upcoming departure from the parish of Father Joseph Lorenzo, OFM, and the members of the Franciscan Community have made it necessary to consider linkage of Saint Francis Xavier Parish and Our Lady of the Lakes Parish in New Milford. After consultation with the Vicar for Pastoral Planning as well as the Vicar for Clergy, it is apparent that it would be beneficial at this time to link Saint Francis Xavier Parish and Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, with Father Gerald Dziejcz serving as Pastor and Father Chacko Kumplam serving as Parochial Vicar for these two parishes. This linkage will be effective as of July 17, 2017. It is an initial step in the process of being good stewards of the gifts, talents, and resources with which God has blessed the people of the Archdiocese of Hartford and the local parish communities.

With the linkage of Saint Francis Xavier and Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, it is intended at this time that both parishes remain open with the canonical rights and obligations of separate parishes. Because the two parishes will share one pastor, I encourage combining programs and events that would benefit both parishes. Also, I ask that careful planning take place for the scheduling of liturgies, and that consideration be given to the properties and staffs of both parishes. Be assured that every effort will be made to achieve a respectful and efficient transition that will honor each parish's traditions and sensibilities of all parishioners.

I have asked the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Committee to work together with the new pastoral leadership and parishioners of both parishes to bring about the most effective and efficient use of the Church's resources in New Milford. I am certain that the knowledge and experience which the Committee has gained through the recent implementation of the Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Hartford will be of great assistance as you move forward.

Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford



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.

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.

Reminder...We have "Online Giving"

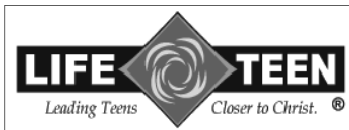
Online Giving is a convenient, secure and confidential way to make your How Do I Get Started?

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.



OFFERTORY - July 9	= \$4,898.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$269.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$269.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,360.00
Monthly Collection	= \$2,187.00



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

LAST CALL: We are ready to begin ordering books and compiling class lists, SO THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION 2017-2018 CLASSES. Please call the office or come in ASAP. **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. The Faith Formation office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00am– 12:30pm and 1:30–5:00pm. We are closed on Fridays.

CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS:

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

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. If you have any questions, please call the office.

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:

- July 17 - Welcome Fr. Gerald Dziedzic and Fr. Chacko Kumplam
- 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.
(More details on page 2)
- 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.pcouncil@gmail.com

Faith Formation

860-354-5372

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 – 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 My Window (Final Edition)



My Window (Final Edition)

A little over a year ago, I had to say goodbye to my former parish, St. Anthony of Padua in Manhattan, after serving 12 years as pastor. I would have never thought that after only one year I would again be saying goodbye to another parish. Certainly, you cannot compare the feelings you have leaving a place that was your home and ministry for twelve years to the short year that I have served here. Yet, I can confidently say that my life been greatly enriched by my presence at St. Francis Xavier and by all of you.

I think what impressed me most about this parish was the amount of ministry being done by you- the parishioners. Very often we think of ministry being done only by priests, deacons, and religious men and women. Yet this parish is, I believe, a model of what Vatican Council II envisioned, a place where all of us are united in our common faith and discipleship. I don't think a week went by when I did not discover some other ministry, some work of charity, or some support that was being done here at SFX. The number of people involved in Faith Formation, in Liturgical Ministry, in Social Outreach, in organizations and societies, and especially in prayer and spiritual support, is mind boggling. And the remarkable thing about all this, for every ministry listed in our bulletin, there are many other things being done "off the radar." I would learn of our parishioners doing wonderful things in the town, at the hospitals and nursing homes, and assisting the poor and the downtrodden. I was constantly reminded of your great love and generosity.

I guess one of the things that made my ministry so much easier was the great support I have had from all of you. From the very beginning, I got a keen sense of your love for God and His Church, your love for your parish, your love for the Franciscans. I was proud to continue a long tradition of Franciscan presence in the Archdiocese of Hartford, from the beginnings of our Franciscan Friars serving our parish in Winsted for over 150 years, to the many parishes our friars have staffed, to the presence of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany here at this parish (they still serve at my former parish in Manhattan), and the twenty years of service given here by our friars.

You cannot imagine the faith and confidence I have received over this year knowing that my tremendous staff and parish leaders were there to help, always reminding me of their willingness to step in whenever and wherever they were needed.

I would like to thank in a special way Brother Courtland and Deacon Roland for their constant assistance with ministry, and their friendship and guidance. I thank God every day for the presence of my wonderful staff- Jocelyne, Doreen, Sue, Mary, Chris, Jerry, John, as well as the liturgical musicians Tina, Christian, and Doreen (I don't know what this parish is going to do when you are gone, Doreen). Thanks also are in order to Jim Hyland for his dedication to our parish worship, and to the Knights of Columbus, who were always eager to do anything they could to help our parish. I am also grateful to our Pastoral and Finance Councils, for their dedication and support.

You may think that priests, brothers, and sisters live holy lives dedicated to the Lord. I hope we do. But our lives are nothing in comparison to the level of faith and discipleship of so many of you. There are so many here in our parish that make great sacrifices for our faith, and live holy lives, way beyond what one would imagine. Thank you for your example.

I thank you for all your expressions of support over the past few weeks. I have seen your writings on the parish Facebook page, the tears in your eyes, your words of encouragement. I am aware of so many of you who have appreciated my teaching homilies, reading the View from My Window in the bulletin, or being able to finally hear the Mass readings and prayers due to my booming voice. I know many of our parishioners called the Archdiocese or wrote letters to the Archbishop. Please know that your sentiments are also mine, and your tears have mingled with my own. I joked that I was just getting to like you- but I have loved you from the beginning. And I only wish that I could have continued to walk with you to get to know you even better.

As we leave you, I know the challenges will be great. I beg you to be good to your new priests, welcome them, and show them the same love and support that you have given to me and to the friars over the past twenty years. Cooperate with them and be willing to make sacrifices for the glory of God and the spread of the gospel. In the end, I am confident that you will find a stronger, more vibrant, and more faith filled parish.

As I draw the shades on the view from my window for one last time, I know that, as God has done great things through the people of SFX, He will continue to work His wonders here in New Milford. God bless all of you.

With much love and gratefulness.

Father Joe