



St. Francis Xavier Parish

July 23, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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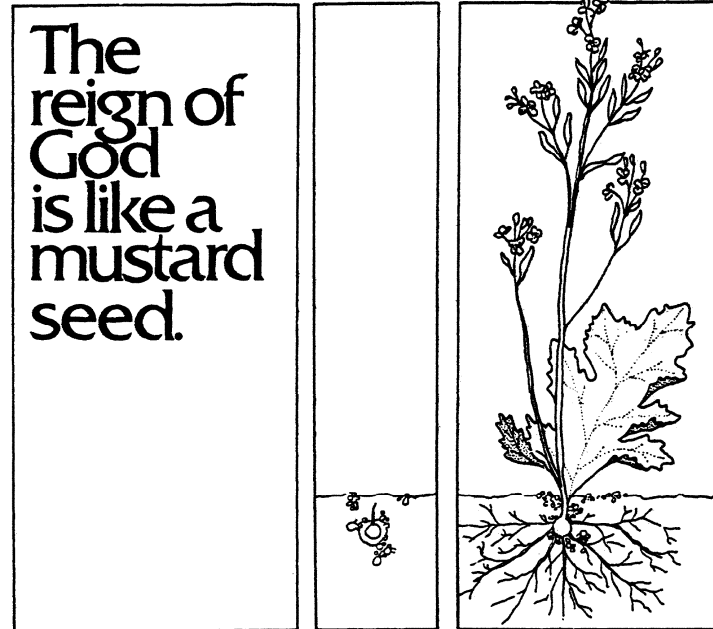
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MASS SCHEDULE

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:
Ruth Rajcok
Scott J. Rossell

SATURDAY VIGIL - July 22

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

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SUNDAY - July 23

7:30 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier

10:00 A.M. +Donna Sobeski
Req. by The Donatucci Family
5:00 P.M. +Martha E. Lalak
Req. by The Lalak Family

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - July 24

TUESDAY - July 25

6:30 P.M. +Helen Burke
Req. by Bob, Adrienne & Ann Coppola

WEDNESDAY - July 26

8:00 A.M. +Robert Kappus
Req. by John & Cathy Farrell & Family

THURSDAY - July 27

6:30 P.M. +Sheila Fitzpatrick
Req. by Tom & Cathy Valedes

FRIDAY - July 28

8:00 A.M. +Rose Jannicola
Req. by Bob, Adrienne & Ann Coppola


SATURDAY VIGIL - July 29

5:00 P.M. +Stephen Gagnon
Req. by Dave & Nancy Lynch & Family

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - July 30

7:30 A.M. +Frank & Helen Driscoll
Req. by Virginia Driscoll & Family
10:00 A.M. +Dorothy Fisher
Req. by Patti & Bob Fisher & Family
5:00 P.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week burns in memory of
Scott J. Rossell
Requested by
St. Francis Xavier Staff & Friends

Knights of Columbus

Don't forget to come out to village Fair Days and try your luck at Bingo. You might be a big winner and proceeds go towards our scholarship fund so everyone wins. There will be only 1 meeting in August on the second Tuesday (Aug 8th) at St. Francis @ 7:30PM. Our family picnic will at held at St. Francis on August 20th. Contact Gene Calarco (860-355-3572) for details.

A **Talent Show** will be held at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118 Litchfield, CT 06759 on Sunday, August 13th from 2:00 until 4:00 pm. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the beautiful grounds of the Shrine. If interested in participating, forms are available in the Grotto Café or e-mail: gbuchas@snet.net. Forms should be received by August 6th.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how to encourage your marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Aug 11-13, 2017 in WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Fatima Novena for World Peace

St. Teresa of Avila, Woodbury
August 5th
8:30am

"When the Son of Man comes will he find anyone faithful?"
Luke 18:8

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.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF - UPDATE

Unfortunately, we have to cancel this parish function for this summer. Our minimum number of tickets had not been met by the deadline. We will try again to plan a trip during a less busy time of the year. Thank you as always for supporting our parish functions.

VILLAGE FAIRS DAYS - Volunteers Needed
Please see page 4 of this bulletin for details about volunteering for the St. Francis Booth at Village Fair Days. Friday, July 28 & Saturday, July 29.

New Addresses

Fr. Joseph Lorenzo, O.F.M.
St. Anthony Friary
24 Harrison Street
PO Box 487
Catskill NY 12414-0487

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

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.
- 4.

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



OFFERTORY - July 16	= \$5,516.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$303.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$303.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,910.00

SOCIETIES/MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

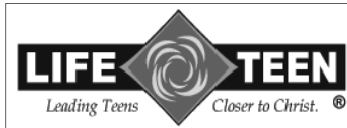
Parish Pastoral Council President - Christine Zona 860-210-7892

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 info call Bill Byrd 860-350-6263
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 - debhmcl@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.

ALL FAMILIES THAT HAVE NOT REGISTERED FOR CLASSES HAVE BEEN INACTIVATED. IN ORDER TO BE ON OUR ACTIVE LIST YOU MUST COME TO THE OFFICE. 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. 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.

VILLAGE FAIR DAYS: VOLUNTEERS: 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.



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy in August, enjoy the summer and we pray to resume in September. Watch the bulletin for further details.

CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS:

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

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

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:
 July 22 & 23 - Welcome Fr. Gerald Dziedzic and Fr. Chacko Kumplam
 July 21-23 - Steubenville NYC
 July 28 & 29 - Village Fair Days - On The Green
 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 3)
 Aug. 8 - Knights of Columbus meeting - 7:30pm - Church Hall
 Aug. 15 - Feast of the Assumption- Masses at: 8 am & 6:30 pm
 Aug. 26 & 27 - Backpack Blessings at all the Masses

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

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.



Defending Our Religious Liberty
 Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

BEQUESTS
 We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have made a bequest to St. Francis Xavier Parish. These charitable gifts build our parish endowment to help pass on our Catholic faith to future generations.

Welcome Fr. Gerald Dziedzic!
 I was ordained a Priest on May 25th 1974 and received a Masters of Divinity from St. John’s Major Seminary in Brighton Mass. My first assignment was at St. Lawrence O’Toole in Hartford, CT. In 1982 I was then assigned to St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol, CT. In 1984 I became Chaplain and teacher at Luralton Hall in Milford, CT. Luralton Hall is a Catholic High School for young women. I lived at St. Gabriel’s Parish and served weekend masses at St. Gabriel, St. Ann and St. Mary’s Parishes. While at Luralton, I joined the Army as a Catholic Chaplain and was assigned to the 819th Station Hospital after Basic Training at Fort Monmouth, NJ.
 Three years later we became the 409th Combat Support Hospital. Little did I know we were preparing for Desert Storm. Although I did not serve outside of the States, I did process soldiers from the North East preparing to go to Iraq. Due to the coming shortage of Priests, I was asked to retire from the Army in 1996 and was assigned to the Immaculate Conception Church in Terryville, CT.
 In 1999, I was asked to take on another Church, St. Casimir Church as one of the first linked Churches. In 2012 I was assigned to St. Joseph Church linked with St. Mary’s Church in Meriden, CT. St. Joseph Church also had a Pre-K to 8th Grade School. Now, as you know, I am Pastor of New Milford, serving St. Francis and Our Lady of the Lakes.
 Now for the real news. I am a loyal Yankee fan, I am also a New York Giant fan. My mother, who lives in Southington, CT, is celebrating her 93rd birthday on July 21st. My mother is a little anxious that I am a little too far away. She is worried that I won’t be able to snow blow and cut the grass.