



St. Francis Xavier Parish

July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 29
 5:00 P.M. +Stephen Gagnon
 Req. by Dave & Nancy Lynch & Family

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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

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - July 31

TUESDAY - August 1
 6:30 P.M. For the living and deceased members of
 The DeAlessio and Martin Families
 Req. by John DeAlessio & Family

WEDNESDAY - August 2
 8:00 A.M. +Helen Brady-Burke
 Req. by Kathy & Bill Shemeley &
 Family


THURSDAY - August 3
 6:30 P.M. For the living and deceased members of
 The DeAlessio and Martin Families
 Req. by John DeAlessio & Family

FRIDAY - August 4
 8:00 A.M. For the living and deceased members of
 The Shugrue and Brennan Families
 Req. by the Shugrue Family

SATURDAY VIGIL - August 5
 5:00 P.M. +Helen E. Burke
 Req. by The Maguire Family

The Transfiguration of the Lord
SUNDAY - August 6
 7:30 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier
 10:00 A.M. +Jack McPartland
 Req. by His Family
 5:00 P.M. +Jeremiah B. McKenna
 Req. by His 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.




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

Gordon Waldron
 Rita Gentile
 Timothy Day

Knights of Columbus
 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.

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
 Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are completely misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against our moral convictions, and therefore, impede religious freedom.

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:
 July 28 & 29 - Village Fair Days - On The Green
 Aug. 6 - Donut Sunday
 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

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?"

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/>.

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 weekly donations. 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.

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 - July 23	= \$4,781.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$263.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$263.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,255.00

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

SOCIETIES/MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

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

Liturgical Ministries:

- Altar Servers** - Peter Tagley 860-868-7821
- Children's Liturgy** - 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:

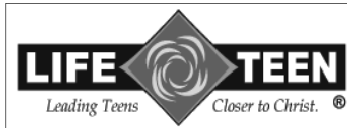
- Confraternity of the Rosary**-First Monday -Noon, Church Hall
- Knit for Life** - Patty Snodgrass - 860-355-4578
- Knights of Columbus** - For info call Bill Byrd 860-350-6263
- Lay Missionaries of Charity** - Joan Kick 860-354-1323
- Maintenance Ministry** - Tom and Cathy 914-843-5193
- Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group** - Thurs., 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
- Parish Prayer Line** - Terri - 860-355-8143; Debbie - 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.

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 these past weeks 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.

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 as soon as possible. Thanks.



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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.

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

Welcome Fr. Chacko!!!

Fr. Chacko Kumplam

Born in Kerala, South India, I joined the Assam missions in the N.E. India, in 1967 after graduating from High School. After priestly formation of 13 years I was ordained in 1980 for the diocese of Dibrugarh, Assam. I served as associate pastor for two years in the diocese and then as the founding pastor and principal of Christo Jyothi Church and High School, Bokakhat for thirteen years. I came to the US in 1993 and assisted at Our Lady of Victory parish in Manhattan while doing my Masters in Pastoral Counseling in Fordham University. Having completed CPE, I worked in St. Raphael's Hospital, New Haven for ten years as certified chaplain. In 2003 I became a US citizen and started the parish ministry in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2006. I was incardinated into the Archdiocese in 2007. I was assigned as administrator in St. John Fisher parish, Marlborough; Frances Cabrini parish, N. Haven; St. Patrick, Waterbury and lastly as parochial vicar, St. Mary, Milford.

July 6, 2017 I was appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish and St. Francis Xavier Parish, here in New Milford.

I pray and hope and am confident that we can work together to bring unity and new enthusiasm to the life in every family in both parishes. May God bless us all in this endeavor.

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.

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 Dziedzic 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