



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

August 13, 2017  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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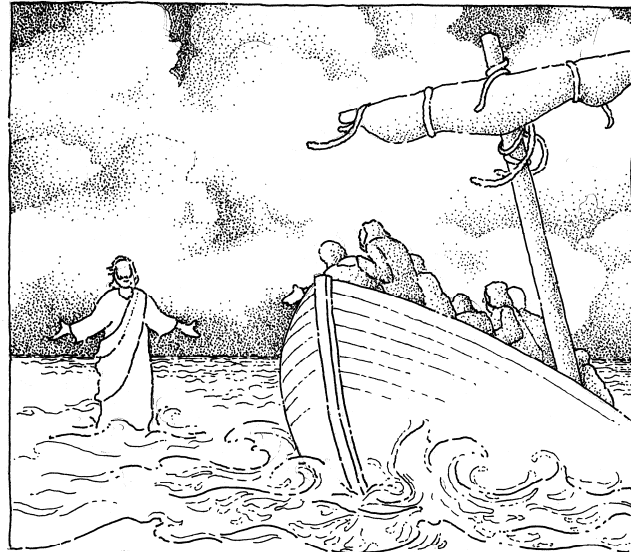
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## MASS SCHEDULE

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.

**SATURDAY VIGIL - August 12**

5:00 P.M. +Nora Cornish  
Req. by Tom & Cindy Hoefer

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****SUNDAY - August 13**

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

10:00 A.M. +Lena Poilucci  
Req. by Maura McPartland & Family

5:00 P.M. For Julia, Olivia and Kaya  
Req. by Their Parents

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - August 14****Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary****TUESDAY - August 15**

8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis Xavier

6:30 P.M. +Lillian Mullen, T. Virginia Johnson,  
Louise Durling & Teri Vanasse  
Req. by Jo DeCosa

**WEDNESDAY - August 16**

8:00 A.M. +Frank Marici  
Req. by Rosa & Jimmy Barone

**THURSDAY - August 17**

6:30 P.M. +Mary Pritchard  
Req. by Alice Ellard & Family

**FRIDAY - August 18**

8:00 A.M. +Irene DeSimone  
Req. by Loretta DiLeo

**SATURDAY VIGIL - August 19**

5:00 P.M. +Jim Faure (5th Anniversary)  
Req. by His Wife & Family

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time****SUNDAY - August 20**

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

10:00 A.M. +Enza DeVito  
Req. by Her Husband & Children

5:00 P.M. +Danny & Jimmy Philip  
Req. by Their Mother



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

Louise Funk



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week  
burns in memory of  
Gregorio Velez  
Requested by His Family

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL Clothes for Kids  
Please return items by Wed, August 16.**

St. Francis is again working with the United Way to sponsor 8 local children with back-to-school clothes and school supplies. Our collection time is very short this year. Please take a tag from the window sill and purchase the requested item. There are tags for school supplies, personal hygiene products and Visa gift cards. We are asked to purchase Visa gift cards which will be used to buy clothes for the children. Please return the items to us ASAP. **The United Way would like the items by THIS Wednesday, August 16.** You may drop them off at the Parish Center or the Church. Please call the office with questions. Thank you for your help with this project.

**BACKPACK BLESSING:** will take place at ALL Masses the weekend of August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Please have your child bring their backpack to Church with them and they will receive a blessing to start the school year off.

**At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:**

Aug. 15 - Feast of the Assumption- Masses at:  
8 am & 6:30 pm  
Aug. 16 - Return "Back-to-school" items  
Aug. 21 - Catechist Training - Gr. 6, 7 & 8  
Details on page 4 of this bulletin  
Aug. 22 - Catechist Training - Gr. 9 & 10  
Details on page 4 of this bulletin  
Aug. 23 - Adult Core Youth Ministry Training -  
Details on page 4 of this bulletin  
Aug. 26 & 27 - Backpack Blessing at all the Masses  
Aug. 28 - Confraternity of the Rosary - Pot Luck  
Luncheon - 12 noon - Church Hall  
Sept. 10 - Parish Picnic - 11:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Parish Council Email Address**

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

Assumption of  
the Blessed  
Virgin Mary



Holy Day of Obligation  
Tuesday, August 15  
Masses 8:00 am & 6:30 pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**

November 4, 2017 - - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Archdiocese of Hartford 2017 Women’s Conference  
At the Hartford Marriot Downtown  
Register before Sept. 15 - \$50

***What’s included?***

Deli Lunch Buffet

Validated parking

Captivating keynote/breakout speakers

Women-centric vendor hall

Vigil Mass with Archbishop Blair

Opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation

Time to celebrate our Roman Catholic Faith!

Visit: [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org)

**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.

**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](http://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.



**Sacrificial Giving**

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OFFERTORY - August 6	= \$4,716.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$259.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$259.00
ST. FRANCIS’ SHARE	= \$4,198.00
Monthly Collection	= \$2,761.00

**FAMILY CELEBRATION**

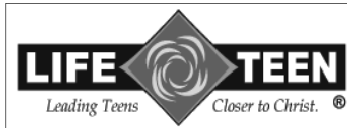
EWTN is coming to Worcester, Massachusetts this September 9th & 10th. It is called a Family Celebration. The best thing about it is that it is FREE. The line up of speakers is a great one. Our very own Donna Marie Cooper-O'Boyle is one of the speakers. So, save the dates and if you can be there all the better. Please pass this on to your family and friends. The link to EWTN Family Celebration is: <http://www.ewtn.com/familycelebration/>

**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.

**GODPARENTS & SPONSORS...**Have you been asked to be a sponsor or godparent for the sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation? This is a great opportunity to be an example of faith to inspire those receiving these sacraments. However, please be aware that the church expects godparents and sponsors to be practicing Catholics, who will serve as models of faith. If you are asking for a certificate of eligibility for this, or are having your own child baptized or confirmed, please be aware of the requirements: Sponsor/Godparent must be a practicing Catholic (which means regularly attending Sunday Mass and practicing their Catholic faith.) They must be registered here at St. Francis or in the parish where they worship. They must be fully initiated into the Church, that is, have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. They must be at least 16 years of age. If they are married, their marriage must be recognized as valid by the church.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.” Help each other hear God’s plan for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Sep 15-17, 2017 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.



**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 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 months 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 AND ASSISTANTS:**

##### **Veterans and new:**

Training for grades 6, 7 & 8 will take place on Monday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-3:00pm OR 6:30-7:30pm at the Parish Center (school building).

Training for grades 9 & 10 (Confirmation) will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-3:00pm OR 6:30-7:30pm at the Parish Center (school building).

Training for Core Team Youth Ministry will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

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

#### **Catechists and Assistants**

If you have not returned your Catechists/ Assistants manual/cds please do so as quickly as possible so we can prepare for the coming year. Thanks for your help!

#### **Faith Formation**

**860-354-5372**

This Fall, over 500 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. 24<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Mondays – 3:00 – 4:30pm

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Confirmation – Assistant

Mondays – 6:30 – 8:00pm

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Catechist and 2 Assistants

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Catechist and Assistant

Tuesdays – 6:30 – 8:00pm

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2 Catechists and 1 Assistant

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Catechist and Assistant

Wednesday – 6:30 – 8:00pm

9<sup>th</sup> Grade –Confirmation – Catechist and Assistant

Tuesday NES – 3:30 – 5:00pm

Kdg. – Catechist and Assistant

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Catechist and Assistant

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 3 Catechists and 3 Assistants

Wednesday SNIS – 3:30 – 5:00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Catechist and Assistant

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Catechist and Assistant

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Assistant

Thursday SNIS – 3:30 – 5:00pm

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Catechist and Assistant

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Assistant

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

When revising the current federal health care bill, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking Congress to address the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) moral deficiencies and challenges with long-term sustainability. Problems with the ACA should be fixed with more narrow reforms and in a bipartisan way.

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.



**The NEW MILFORD FOOD BANK** – suggested items to donate: non-perishable items: peanut butter & jelly , cereal or oatmeal, pasta & sauce, diced or crushed tomatoes, cracker, cookies, rice, muffin/cake mixes, juice, coffee, tea, canned soups, canned meals (stew ravioli/chili, etc.), canned vegetables, canned tuna/chicken/salmon, canned fruit or dried fruit, boxed meals (mac & cheese/seasoned rice, seasoned pasta, etc.), quinoa, barley, canned beans or dried beans (black, white, red, baked...), frosting, school snacks (fruit cups, applesauce, granola bars, etc), condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard, salad dressing, relish), low salt/low sodium, organic & gluten free products are welcome.

Also needed are personal hygiene (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene, etc.), paper goods (paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, garbage bags, sandwich bags, storage bags, tissues, aluminum foil, cleaning products (dish soap, laundry detergent, household cleaners, etc.). These items need to be marked N.M. Food Bank and we will deliver or you may drop them off at the Richmond Center Social Services department. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity to our Community.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**St. Francis Xavier**  
**Annual Parish Picnic!!!**  
Sunday, September 10  
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
On the Church Grounds  
More details to follow

**Catholic Biblical School (CBS) Enrollment**

Study all books of the Bible and receive certification. Classes begin in September. Information fairs will be held at each of the following class locations in mid-August:

- 1) Christ Redeemer Parish, Milford on Monday, August 21, 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Archdiocesan Center, at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield on Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 p.m.
- 3) Caritas Christi Center on the campus of Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden on Wednesday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.
- 4) Our Lady of Loreto Parish in Waterbury on Thursday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.

Deadline for application is August 31<sup>st</sup>. For details, go to: [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org) and click on Catholic Biblical School in the main menu. Or, contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis (OEEC) at: 860-242-5573.

**Confraternity of The Rosary**

All ladies of the parish are invited to a Pot Luck Luncheon with the Confraternity of the Rosary on Monday, August 28 at 12 noon in the Church Hall. Please bring a dish to share. New members are always welcome to attend.

**Confraternity of the Rosary-Altar Duty Schedule**

Sept 2	Jo DeCosa/Judy DeAlessio
Sept 9	Sally Adams/Jeanne Dingee/Rosie Markstaller
Sept 16	Joy Gaiser/Maura McPartland
Sept 23	Helen Manizza/ Kathy Hyland
Sept 30	Jeanne Schuler/Dorothy Coleman
Oct 7	Patti Fisher/Sue Fisher
Oct 14	Jo DeCosa/Judy DeAlessio
Oct 21	Sally Adams/Jeanne Dingee/Rosie Markstaller
Oct 28	Joy Gaiser/Maura McPartland
Nov 4	Helen Manizza/Kathy Hyland
Nov 11	Jeanne Schuler/Dorothy Coleman
Nov 18	Patti Fisher/Sue Fisher
Nov 25	Jo DeCosa/Judy DeAlessio
Dec 2	Sally Adams/Jeanne Dingee/Rosie Markstaller
Dec 9	Joy Gaiser/Maura McPartland
Dec 16	Helen Manizza/Kathy Hyland
Dec 23	Jeanne Schuler/Dorothy Coleman
Dec 30	Patti Fisher/Sue Fisher