



St. Francis Xavier Parish

August 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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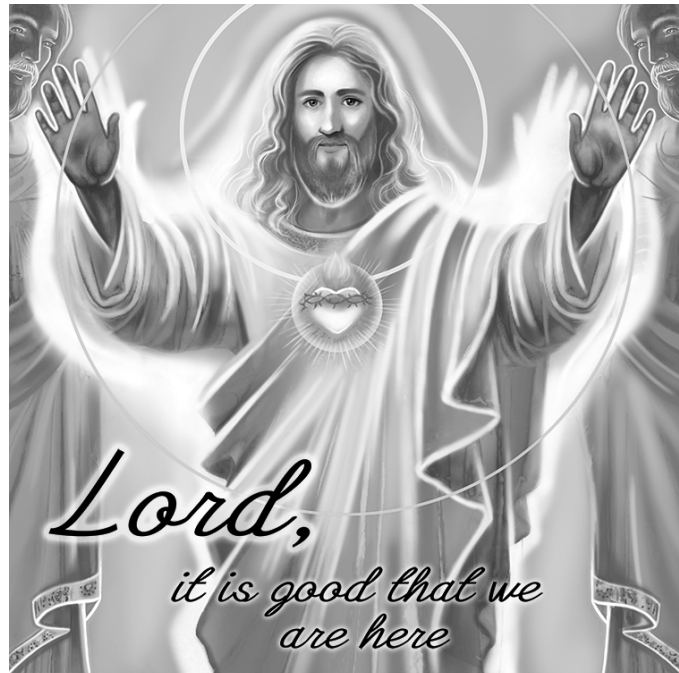
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 5

5:00 P.M. +Helen E. Burke
Req. by The Maguire Family

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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

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - August 7

TUESDAY - August 8

6:30 P.M. +Helen Elizabeth Burke
Req. by Jim & Joan Kick

WEDNESDAY - August 9

8:00 A.M. +Elizabeth Kolbe
Req. by Her Son

THURSDAY - August 10

6:30 P.M. +Martha E. Lalak
Req. by The Lalak Family

FRIDAY - August 11

8:00 A.M. +Anna Funaro
Req. by The Lalak Family

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



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



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week burns in memory of
Bernard Burke
Requested by His Family



The St. Francis Xavier Memorial Window is illuminated this week for
Benedetto & Ada Simboli
Requested by Their Family

CRAFT PEOPLE WANTED

St. Ann Craft Fair in Bristol is looking for crafters to participate in their event
Saturday, November 18, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Gloria 860-505-0884 for more info

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:

- Aug. 6 - Donut Sunday
- Aug. 8 - Knights of Columbus meeting - 7:30pm - Church Hall
- Aug. 10-Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group - 7:00 pm - Parish Center
- Aug. 15 - Feast of the Assumption- Masses at: 8 am & 6:30 pm
- 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 Blessings at all the Masses
- Aug. 28 - Confraternity of the Rosary - Pot Luck Luncheon - 12 noon - Church Hall

Parish Council Email Address

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

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, August 15
Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU!!

St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry would like to thank our local New Milford businesses for their support in our Village Fair Days fundraiser: New Milford Fitness and Aquatics, Joe’s Salon, Tivoli’s, Tasty Waves, Jo-Jo’s Deli, Valley Golf, Dolr Bills, Holiday Pizza, Italia Mia, Nutmeg Oil, and Nordica Toys. Thank you everyone for all the prayers, love and support for our young people.

Village Fair Days Basket Winners:

- “I Am Groot” - Dmitry Neill
- “Vera Bradley” - Melinda McMahon
- “Wonder Woman” - Constance
- “Parenting” - Constance
- “New Milford’s Best” - Diane Goetz
- “Spiderman” - Jean Jaques
- “Minions” - Elena Stein
- “Adult Spirituality” - Raffaele Family
- “Car Care Basket” - Ferguson Family

Thank you to all who took a chance and supported our Youth Ministry Program!!

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.



OFFERTORY - July 30	= \$4,926.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$271.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$271.00
ST. FRANCIS’ SHARE	= \$4,384.00

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.

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:

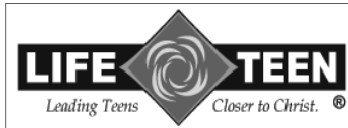
- Confraternity of the Rosary**-First Monday -Noon, Church Hall
- Knit for Life** - Patty Snodgrass - 860-355-4578
- Knights of Columbus** - For info call Bill Byrd 860-350-6263
- Lay Missionaries of Charity** - Joan Kick 860-354-1323
- Maintenance Ministry** - Tom and Cathy 914-843-5193
- Our Lady Queen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

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!

Veterans and new:

Training for **grades 6, 7 & 8** will take place on Monday, Aug. 21st 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. 22nd from 2:00-3:00pm OR 6:30-7:30pm at the Parish Center.

Training for **Core Team Youth Ministry** will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 23rd from 6:30-8:30pm at the Parish Center.

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.

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 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:

Mondays – 3:00 – 4:30pm

10th Grade – Confirmation – Assistant

Mondays – 6:30 – 8:00pm

6th Grade – Catechist and 2 Assistants

Tuesdays – 6:30 – 8:00pm

6th Grade – 2 Catechists and 1 Assistant

7th Grade - Catechist and Assistant

Wednesday – 6:30 – 8:00pm

9th Grade – Confirmation– Catechist and 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 – Assistant

Thursday SNIS – 3:30 – 5:00pm

4th Grade – Catechist and Assistant

5th Grade – Assistant

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees.

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 31st.

For details, go to: 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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

Archbishop’s Annual Appeal Surpasses Goal of \$10,000,000 for the 6th Year in a Row!

Thanks to the generous support of the donors, our Archdiocesan family of faith can continue to enrich, nurture, and foster the spiritual well being of individuals, families, and communities throughout the Hartford, New Haven, and Litchfield Counties. As donations continue to come in through the end of the year, this could be a Banner Year for the 2017 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal!

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!

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