

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

September 3, 2017  
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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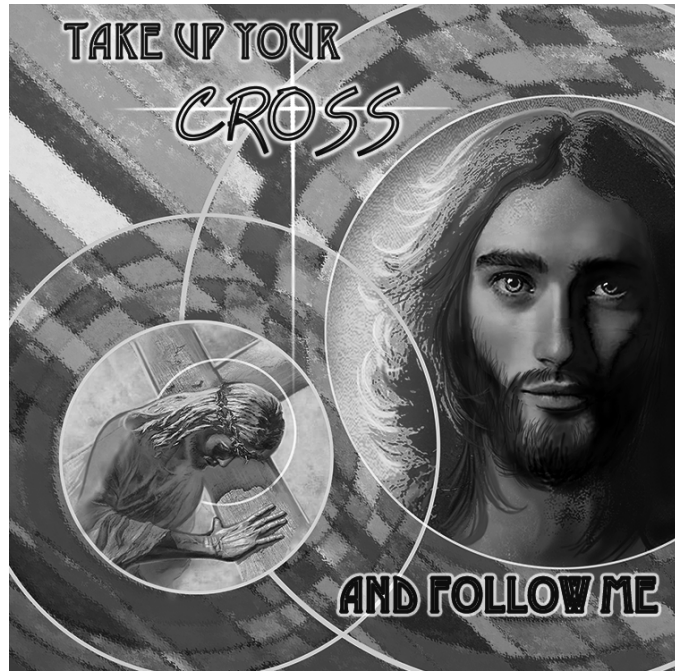
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## MASS SCHEDULE

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

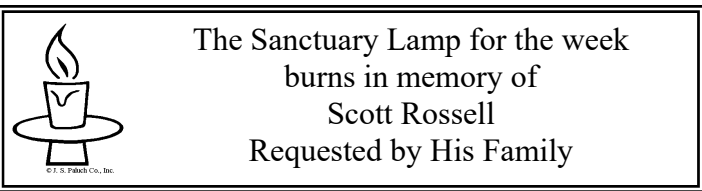
Contact the priest 1 year in advance.

## 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.



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week  
burns in memory of  
Scott Rossell  
Requested by His Family

**SATURDAY VIGIL - September 2**

5:00 P.M. +Howard & Margaret Brown  
Req. by His Wife & Family

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - September 3**

7:30 A.M. +Theresa Lovell  
Req. by Her Daughter, Allison  
10:00 A.M. +Michelle deLeonard  
Req. by Her Godparents, Patti & Bob  
Fisher  
5:00 P.M. +Joe Nash  
Req. By Betty Lou McKeon

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - September 4**

**TUESDAY - September 5**

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

**WEDNESDAY - September 6**

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

**THURSDAY - September 7**

6:30 P.M. +Renata DeGiovanni  
Req. by The Zigmantanis Family

**FRIDAY - September 8**

8:00 A.M. For Gianna Tommasi  
Req. by Joan Kick

**SATURDAY VIGIL - September 9**

5:00 P.M. +Michela Dispensa  
Req. by Theresa, Rosa & Children

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - September 10**

7:30 A.M. +Paul Altermatt (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
Req. by His Family  
10:00 A.M. +Danny & Jimmy Philip  
Req. by Their Mother  
5:00 P.M. For the Victims of 9/11 and their  
families

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

Sept. 3 - Donut Sunday  
 Sept. 4 - Labor Day - Offices Closed  
 Sept. 6 - Parent Orientation for Grades K - 8  
 10 am OR 6 pm at the church  
 Sept. 7 - Confirmation Orientation-4 pm OR 7:15pm  
 At the church for parents and teens  
 Sept. 9 - Trunk Sale - 9 am - 2 pm - Rent a spot in  
 the Church Parking Lot for \$30 (Details on  
 page 3 in this bulletin)  
 Sept. 10 - Parish Picnic - 11:30 am - 4:00 pm  
 Sept. 11 - 9/11 Memorial Service - 8:00 am at  
 Patriot's Plaza near the Railroad Station  
 Sept. 12 - Protecting God's Children 6:30 pm  
 Sept. 12 - Women's Guild Meeting 7:00 pm  
 Sept. 15 - National MIA/POW Recognition Day  
 Details below...  
 Sept. 17 - Gone Fishing Retreat - 9th grade - see p.4  
 Sept. 19 - Prayer Shawl Ministry 1pm -Parish Center

**Parish Council Email Address**  
*Your* Parish Council would like to hear from you!  
 Thoughts, Ideas, Questions, Suggestions?  
[sfx.pcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sfx.pcouncil@gmail.com)

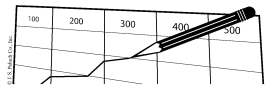
**National POW/MIA Recognition Day**

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> is National POW/MIA Recognition Day which is a day to remember our nation's unrecovered prisoners of war, those missing in action, and their families. POW/MIA CT Forget-Me-Nots will have an outdoor candlelight service on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in front of the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center on Elm Street at the top of the New Milford Green. Lightsticks will be provided. All are welcome.

We are having a **TRINKET DRIVE**. If you have any costume jewelry, small knick knacks, cute mugs, small frames; you get the picture, please consider donating them to our Faith Formation program. We have a group of Confirmation students who play BINGO at Village Crest on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the month and we are looking for prizes. If you want to **volunteer for BINGO** or have questions please call Sue P. in the Faith Formation office.

**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.

# Fund Raiser



## TRUNK SALE Saturday, September 9 on the Church Grounds

You can rent a spot in the Church Parking Lot to sell your “treasures” from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Clean out your attic and basement or just find a new home for some unwanted items!!

**\$30 per space (approx. 20’ x 20’)**

The proceeds from this fund raiser will benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Haiti. Please consider helping us reach our goal!! For information or to reserve your spot, contact Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 or [SPullen@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:SPullen@sfxnewmilford.org).

### RENT A SPOT OR COME AND SHOP!!!

**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.

### EMERGENCY RELIEF COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 9 & 10

To Benefit Victims of the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. We express deep gratitude to the first responders and countless volunteers who are assisting the Gulf Coast region in countless ways. Please be as generous as possible to our brothers and sisters in this time of crisis.



OFFERTORY - August 27	= \$4,844.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$266.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$266.00
ST. FRANCIS’ SHARE	= \$4,312.00
Faith Formation Collection	= \$1,765.00



## Annual Parish Picnic Sunday, September 10, 2017 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Church Grounds**  
**Sign-Up in the Church Hall**  
Bouncy house, balloon sculptures, face painting, games and more.

Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks provided.

Please bring a dish to share:  
Last Name A-P: a salad (side dish)  
Last Name Q-Z: a dessert

### R.C.I.A.

Are you thinking you would like to be a Catholic? There are many reasons for considering Catholicism.  
\*\*Searching for God  
\*\*Searching for family unity  
\*\*Searching for meaning in life  
\*\*Searching for belonging  
\*\*Searching for Truth  
Please get in touch with our Parish Office or Fr. Gerry. We will be starting an RCIA program this Fall for all those who wish to be in full communion with the Catholic Church.

### 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.

### Lost and Found...

Found in church last weekend - charm from a bracelet with message “Graduation Day”. Please call the office to claim it.

### 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.



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

**\*GONE FISHING:** Our “Gone Fishing” 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation retreat is on Sun., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00pm. \* We will attend the 5pm Mass together and following Mass have dinner with the parents of the Confirmandi and conclude at 7:30pm. The preparation meeting schedule is Tues., 9/5 at 6:30pm at the Parish Center and Wed., 9/13 at 6:30pm at the Parish Center. If you are interested in being on the team please contact Sue **ASAP**. \***A letter with details went out last week.**

**PARENT ORIENTATION:** Will take place on Thurs., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> for **grades 9 & 10**. You will receive the grade level calendar, sign up for Volunteer Ministry and other important paperwork. We will have a brief meeting to discuss changes in our program and also give you time for questions. This meeting is scheduled to take place in the Church Hall at 4pm OR 7:15pm. Call us in the office if you have questions prior. Thanks and God bless.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY IS BACK!!** And better than ever, please come and join us on **SUNDAY**, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5pm Mass. Children’s Mass will now be offered **EVERY SUNDAY AT THE 5PM MASS**. After the opening prayer all the children in grades kindergarten through grade 5 will be invited to hear the Liturgy of the Word with adult and teen leaders in the Church Hall. The children will return to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist after the petitions. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to hear the Gospel and its meaning in words they understand, as well as give their parents a chance to experience Mass with less distractions. Please call Jessica Higgins at the Faith Formation office if you wish to help or with any questions.

**CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS: Veterans and new:** If you missed the training and did NOT receive your manual, class list and other material, please call us or stop in asap to pick up everything.

**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN:** We will have this mandatory course for ALL volunteers in the Church. (This is only for those that have NOT taken this already.) It is a training program to help us keep our children and vulnerable adult safe. It will be offered on Tues., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm at the Parish Center. Please call the Faith Formation office to register.

### FAITH FORMATION 860-354-5372

**HELP:** Over 550 children and young people, in grades Kindergarten through Grade 10, have signed 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. We provide you with materials, training and support. Classes begin Tues., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and **meet every other week.** (that’s only 15 classes). If interested or you would like more information for grades K-5 please call Jessica Higgins or Chris Grenier for more information and for grades 6-10 or Youth Ministry please call Sue Pullen or Chris Grenier.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Sunday – 11:30-1:00pm  
4<sup>th</sup> grade – Assistant  
Mondays – 6:30 – 8:00pm  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Catechist and Assistant  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Catechist and Assistant  
Tuesdays – 6:30 – 8:00pm  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Catechist and Assistant  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Assistant  
Tuesday NES – 3:30 – 5:00pm  
Kdg. – Catechist and Assistant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 2 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  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Assistant  
4<sup>th</sup> grade – Assistant

**PARENT ORIENTATION:** Will take place on Wed., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> for **grades K-8**. You *must* attend the 10am OR the 6pm orientation at the Church Hall. You will receive your child’s grade level calendar, sign bus slips and other important paperwork. We will have a brief meeting to discuss changes in our program and also give you time for questions. If you can help with set up on Tues., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Church, please call us. Thanks and God bless.

**CRAFT FAIR VENDORS NEEDED:**

There's still table space available for the Women Guild's Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 18th & Sunday, November 19th. Table spaces are \$20.00 each and we are requesting a donated item to be used by our Edge & Life Team groups. For more information, please contact Ellen Cote, (860) 354-5883 or [ebcote@yahoo.com](mailto:ebcote@yahoo.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.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." Learn how to more easily express love to your spouse 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/>.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty**

In a letter to the U.S. Senate, the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops (USCCB) stated that it stands ready to work with Congress to address problems with the Affordable Care Act in ways that protect the most vulnerable among us. They said, "The Catholic Church remains committed to ensuring the fundamental right to medical care, a right which is in keeping with the God-given dignity of every person, and the corresponding obligation as a country to provide for this right. Health care debates must not be reduced to only those elements which appear most politically expedient; those without a strong voice in the process must not bear the brunt of attempts to cut costs."

**SUMMER HEALING SERVICE**

Place: St Marguerite Bourgeoys,  
138 Candlewood Lake Rd, Brookfield

Day/Date/Time:  
Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Consider "standing in" for friends or relatives who need prayer and cannot be there. Prayer and God's Mercy are NOT affected by distance!



**9/11 Memorial Ceremony**

St. Francis Xavier parishioners are cordially invited to attend the sixteenth anniversary of the 9/11/2001 Memorial Ceremony. It will take place on **Monday, September 11, 2017** at Patriot's Way Plaza in the New Milford Railroad Station Parking area. We will gather around the 9/11 monument at 8:00 a.m. The service will commence at 8:46 a.m. and all are welcome.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend October 20-22, 2017 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**FAMILY CELEBRATION  
September 9 & 10**

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/>