



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

September 17, 2017  
Twenty-Fourth 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 - September 16**

5:00 P.M. +Joe Falk  
Req. by His Wife, Bea and Family

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - September 17**

7:30 A.M. +Luann Westerlund  
Req. by Virginia Driscoll  
10:00 A.M. +The McPartland and Doherty Families  
Req. by Their Families  
5:00 P.M. For the People of St. Francis Xavier

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass**

**TUESDAY - September 19**

6:30 P.M. +Anna Funaro  
Req. by The Lalak Family

**WEDNESDAY - September 20**

8:00 A.M. +Alan Mack  
Req. by Vivian & Jeff Cantor

**THURSDAY - September 21**

6:30 P.M. +Helen Burke  
Req. by Dave & Nancy Lynch & Family

**FRIDAY - September 22**

8:00 A.M. +Gene & Paulyne Lynch  
Req. by Diane & Cindy


**SATURDAY VIGIL - September 23**

5:00 P.M. +John J. Haran, Sr. & John J. Haran, Jr.  
Req. by Jo DeCosa

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**


**SUNDAY - September 24**

7:30 A.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier  
10:00 A.M. +”Uncle Vic” Bazzoni  
Req. by Stephen E. Barone & Family  
5:00 P.M. For the Intentions of Maria and Renata  
Req. by Their Family




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

*In Memoriam*



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week burns in memory of  
**Paul E. Martin**  
Requested by Sally Cuddy



The St. Francis Xavier Memorial Window is illuminated this week for  
**Jaime Campaña & Scott Rossell**  
Requested by Their Family

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

Sept. 17 - Gone Fishing Retreat - 9th grade - see p.4  
 Sept. 18 - Steubenville Meeting 6:30 pm, church  
 Sept. 19 - Prayer Shawl Ministry 1pm -Parish Center  
 Sept. 24 - Life Teen Kick-Off - see p. 4  
 Sept. 30 - Women’s Guild car pooling to Averill Farms - meet 10 a.m. in church parking lot  
 Oct. 1 - Blessing of the Animals - 1 p.m. church  
 Oct. 2 - Confraternity of the Rosary meeting - 12 pm  
 Oct. 3 - Knights of Columbus meeting 8pm Ch. Hall  
 Oct. 4 - Ender’s Island Day of Reflection  
 Oct. 10 - Women’s Guild meeting - 7pm - Ch. Hall

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

**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.

The **40 Days for Life Campaign**, of the Archdiocese of Hartford, begins on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 and ends on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Anne Boers, coordinator and leader of the 2017 fall campaign of 40 Days for Life, invites you to sign up to pray at the Hartford Women’s GYN clinic in silent vigil for expectant mothers and their unborn children. Please contact Anne Boers at 203-745-7300 to sign up. Please also visit our website at [www.prolifeministry.org](http://www.prolifeministry.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.

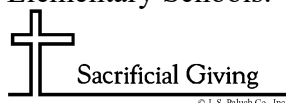
The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 1 pm in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome to join this ministry which knits/crochets blankets for the homebound and infirm.

The **Annual "Run for Joe"** in memory of Joe Leto, who died in July 1999 during training in the U.S. Marine Corps, will take place on Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. He was a 1997 graduate of Canterbury School. The "Run for Joe" will consist of a "fun run" of one mile, or a 5K run for more seasoned runners. Donations for the Joe Leto Scholarship Fund can be mailed to: Canterbury School, c/o Joe Leto Scholarship Fund, 101 Aspetuck Ave, New Milford CT 06776, or you can donate through Canterbury's website: [www.cbury.org/give](http://www.cbury.org/give). Questions? Call Mimi Leto at 860-354-4038.

**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).

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION** will benefit: Catholic Elementary Schools.



OFFERTORY - September 10	= \$4,680.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$257.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$257.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,166.00
Hurricane Relief Fund	= \$5,315.00

**THANK YOU** to our Youth Ministry for raising \$137.00 for the Hurricane Relief Fund. They had a successful Trunk Sale fund raiser with funds going to this very worthy cause.

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

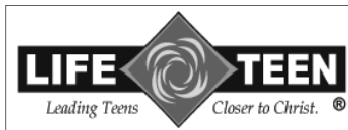
If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend October 20-22, 2017 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and 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).

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**



Please join us on Sunday, October 1 at 1:30 p.m. on the Church Grounds as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the blessing of the animals. Please bring your pets (leashes encouraged) for this special blessing.

**THANK YOU!!!!** We had another successful parish picnic! The weather cooperated again this year. We had so many people and it was so nice to see new faces! First of all, thank you to the Knights of Columbus and our volunteers for all their hard work! We would like to send a special thank you to the Street family for providing the hamburgers and hot dogs. Also, thank you to Jim Derbyshire for donating his DJ services. Thank you to the Ezra family for the bounce houses. Thank you to Eileen Curry for the gift certificates to Wayback Burger in Danbury. Thank you also to Sue Pullen and the teens for the games and face painting. Finally, thank you to all who came and enjoyed a wonderful day of food, fun and fellowship!!



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

**LIFETEEN (YOUTH GROUP): KICKOFF/WELCOME** will be held on Sun., 9/24 with the 5pm Mass followed by a potluck dinner and bonfire (weather permitting). “Your are the APPLE of my eye” will be our theme for the evening. All high schoolers in grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 are encouraged and invited to join us. Parent pick up will be at 8:30pm. Any questions or to RSVP please contact Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 or email her at: [spullen@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:spullen@sfxnewmilford.org).

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY IS BACK!!** And better than ever, please come and join us **THIS SUNDAY**, Sept. 17<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.

**LIFETEEN BINGO** will be held at the Village Crest Nursing Home on Sat., 10/21 at 1:45pm-3pm. If you are interested in being a part of this Ministry, please contact Sue in the office. 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 will be playing **BINGO** at the Village Crest on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month and we are looking for prizes.

**SNACKS:** We are accepting and need donations of apple juice, goldfish or cheese it crackers, pretzels. You may drop them off in the office or leave them clearly marked at church. Thank you!!

**Faith Formation**

**860-354-5372**

**HELP:** Over 555 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 works out to be 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:**

Sundays - 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> grade - Assistant

Mondays – 3:00-4:30pm

10<sup>th</sup> grade – Assistant

Wednesday SNIS – 3:30 – 5:00pm

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

4<sup>th</sup> grade – Assistant

5<sup>th</sup> grade – Assistant

**CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK:**

NES Tues., 9/19 3:30-5pm grades K-2

SNIS Wed., 9/20 3:30-5pm grades 3-5

\*SNIS Thurs. (next week)

\*due to no school

**CLASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK:**

SUN., 9/24 11:30am-1pm grades K-5

SUN., 9/24 11:30am-1pm Conf. 9&10

SUN., 9/24 2:45-4:15pm grades 6-8

SUN., 9/24 2:45-4:15pm Conf. 9&10

Mon., 9/25 6:30-8pm grades 6-8

Tues., 9/26 6:30-8pm grades 6-8

Wed., 9/27 6:30-8pm Conf. 9&10

\*SNIS Thurs., 9/28 3:30-5pm grades 3-5

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 from the 16-17 year please do so asap. Thanks.

**Contest Announcement**


*New Milford Knights of Columbus, Council 40 to Sponsor Youth Soccer Challenge Competition*

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level free competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. The local competition will be held Saturday, September 30 (rain date-Sunday October 1) 2:00 PM at Northville Elementary School, Hipp Road.

All boys and girls 9 to 14 years-old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For entry forms or information contact: Lawrence M Gunerman, Council 40. Mobile-203-788-5670 or Home-860-355-4063...golfski51@yahoo.com. Pre-registration is a must so to avoid delays the day of the competition.

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters in New Haven, CT, based on scores from the state-level competitions.

<p>Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus  Every Monday night  VFW Hall (Avery Road, New Milford)  Doors open at 5:45 pm  BINGO begins at 6:30 pm</p>	
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**SUMMER HEALING SERVICE**

Place: St Marguerite Bourgeoys, Brookfield  
Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

The **HOPES Collection** benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants supporting a safe and nurturing environment where children learn about Jesus Christ, fund innovative educational technology, create future active Catholic parish and community leaders, and market Catholic schools as “centers of excellence”. The collection also supports the broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools. Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of September 23/24.

**Retreat Theme: Grace Enough** - Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God's grace in our lives. Together we'll reflect on how living in God's grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace. The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. Register at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/graceenough](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/graceenough) or call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT at 860.760.9705 for more info.

Men's Retreat Date: November 3-5, 2017

Women's Retreat Dates: September 29 – October 1, 2017 (see website for additional dates)

**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.

The **Wheels Program** of Greater New Milford is seeking volunteers to drive seniors and citizens with disabilities to their non-emergency medical appointments. The vehicle and gas are supplied, only your time is needed. You can volunteer weekly or monthly based on your schedule. Please call the WHEELS office for more information 860-354-6012 or website: [www.wheelsofnewmilford.org](http://www.wheelsofnewmilford.org).

**Noticia importante:**

Con la finalidad de servir mejor a las familias hispano hablantes de nuestro centro parroquial. Se ofrecerá una charla de orientación en español, a los padres de los niños que asisten a las clases de formación religiosa.

El 21 de Septiembre a las 6:00 pm en la escuela de Saint Francis Xavier Church.

Esperamos su asistencia.