



St. Francis Xavier Parish

October 15, 2017
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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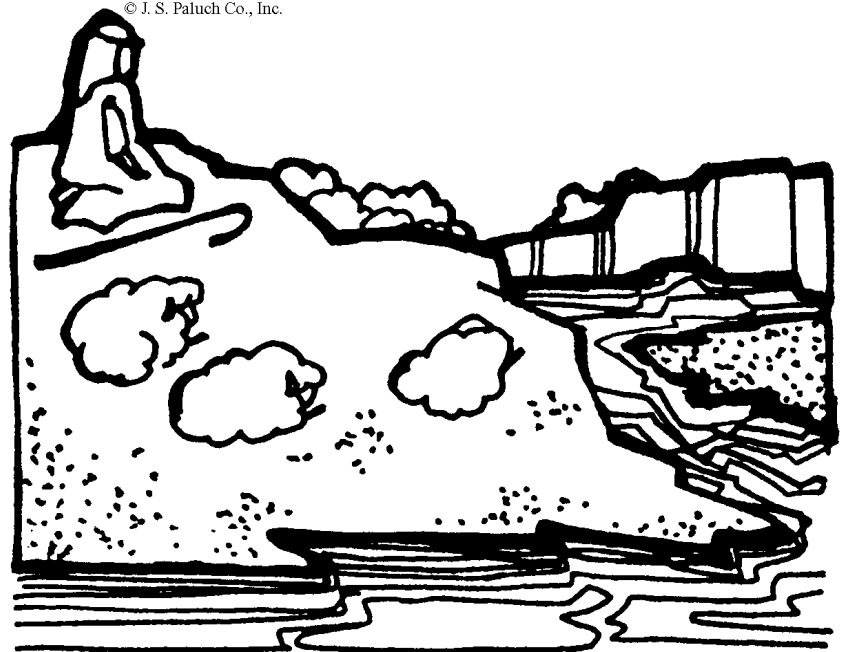
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.



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

SATURDAY VIGIL - October 14

5:00 P.M. +S. Ray Barry
Req. by The Hoefler & Barry Families

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - October 15

7:30 A.M. +Aida DeAgostini & Fernanda Toranto
Req. by Their Family

10:00 A.M. For the Confraternity of the Rosary on
Their 106th Anniversary
Req. by The Confraternity Members

5:00 P.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - October 16

TUESDAY - October 17

6:30 P.M. +Blaise Fernandes
Req. by Fr. Joe Lorenzo

WEDNESDAY - October 18

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

THURSDAY - October 19

6:30 P.M. +Mary Bridget Grech
Req. by Fr. Joe Lorenzo

FRIDAY - October 20

8:00 A.M. +Martha E. Lalak
Req. by The Lalak Family

SATURDAY VIGIL - October 21

5:00 P.M. +Charles Edward Burke and Helen
Brady Burke
Req. by Kathy & Bill Shemeley
& Family

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - October 22

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

10:00 A.M. +James T. Cuddy
Req. by His Family

5:00 P.M. +Raymond Stoklosa
Req. By The Jonke Family

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:

Oct. 15 - Pray the Rosary - 12 noon - Parish Center
 Oct. 15 - Jr. Youth Group Kick-Off - 5:00 - 8:30 pm
 Oct. 17 - Prayer Shawl Ministry - 1pm - Parish Ctr
 Oct. 17 - First Reconciliation Parent Meetings -
 10 am & 5:45 pm at Church
 Oct. 17 - Knights of Columbus - 8 pm - Ch. Hall
 Oct. 21 & 22 - Knights of Columbus Free Throw -
 details on page 5 of this bulletin
 Oct. 22 - LifeTeen Life Night-begins with 5pm mass
 Oct. 25 - RCIA begins - Church Hall
 Nov. 1 - All Saints Day Masses 8am & 6:30 pm
 Nov. 4 - Veterans Dinner - 6pm Church Hall
 Nov. 5 - 2nd Grade Mass, meeting, pot luck - 5pm
 Nov. 11 - Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass 5pm

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

ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE DINNER

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) will present awards for exceptional efforts in social justice ministry at its Annual Dinner on Tues., Oct. 24 at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT, beginning with a reception at 5 pm. Sr. Kathleen Erickson, RSM, will present the keynote address. She spent 18 years at the US/Mexican border and will share her reflections on immigration and detentions of women and children. Being honored with awards at the dinner are: Attorney Peter G. Kelly, St. Vincent de Paul Mission of Waterbury, and St. Augustine Church in Hartford.

For tickets call OCSJM at: (860) 242-5573 or visit the website at www.catholicsocialjustice.org. Tickets are \$70 per person, or \$650 for a table of ten.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near.” Encourage those moments by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Nov 3-5, 2017 and Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call 860-481-3720.

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.

Craft Vendors Needed: Nov. 18 & 19

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.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will meet on Tuesday, October 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

**Emergency Collection
This Weekend October 14 & 15**

From Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ...

In the past few weeks Hurricane Irma devastated significant parts of the Caribbean and the southeastern United States. While emergency outreach was immediate, we know that the road to recovery and the rebuilding of communities will be long and additional support will be needed.

This emergency collection will be used in the affected areas to support humanitarian aid, assistance with long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction, and for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in US and the Caribbean. The Church is a channel for grace and solidarity in the wake of natural disasters as it offers solace and support in their aftermath.

With gratitude for your understanding and support, I remain fraternally yours in our Lord,
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION will benefit: Mission Sunday - Propagation of the Faith.



OFFERTORY - October 8	= \$4,530.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$249.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$249.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,032.00

**18th Annual Rake 'n Bake
Volunteers Needed -**

Many Hands Make Light Work!!

Registration is opening for the 18th Annual Rake 'n Bake project sponsored by the Handy Dandy Handyman Non Profit Organization. Volunteers are needed to assist over 80 families with the clearing of Fall leaves. This will be held on Saturday, November 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We meet at Brookfield High School Gym and then return after the raking is complete for a lunch celebration with baked goods, salads, and all the hot dogs you can eat. St. Francis will be forming a team, or two, to participate in this year's project. We will begin sign-ups the weekend of October 8 & 9 in the Church Hall or call the Parish Office at 860-354-2202.

RAIN OR SHINE! Kindly bring equipment such as rakes, blowers, and tarps. (No equipment is allowed in the school building.)

Important Notice for Those Needing Assistance with their Lawns:

If you are in need of having your lawn raked, please contact Peter Brady **BEFORE October 20.** Peter will meet with you to see how large your property is to ensure he has the proper number of volunteers available. Please call him at 203-740-1243 or 203-733-8002. You can also email Peter at peterbrady@hdhm.org.

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, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



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

LIFETEEN (YOUTH GROUP): will be held on Sun., 10/22 with the 5pm Mass followed by a chicken enchilada dinner and dessert. "Running Blind" will be our theme for the evening. All high schoolers in grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 are encouraged and invited to join us, and they are welcome to bring a friend. 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.

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.

JR. YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6, 7 & 8): KICKOFF: will be held THIS Sun., 10/15 following the 5pm Mass at St. Francis with a parent pick up at 8:30pm. We will have fall fun, a bonfire (weather permitting), hot cider, potluck dinner & apple crisp dessert. Any questions or to RSVP please contact Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 or email her at spullen@sfxnewmilford.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK!! And better than ever, please come and join us THIS **SUNDAY**, Oct. 15th 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.

DESPERATELY SEEKING JUICE, JUICE AND MORE JUICE: *We are accepting and need donations of apple juice. You may drop them off in the office or leave them clearly marked at church. Thank you!!*

FAITH FORMATION

860-354-5372

CLASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Tues., 10/17 NES 3:30-5pm grades K, 1 & 2
Wed., 10/18 SNIS 3:30-5pm grades 3, 4 & 5
Thurs., 10/19 SNIS 3:30-5pm grades 3, 4 & 5

CLASSES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sun., 10/22 11:30am-1pm grades K-5
Sun., 10/22 11:30am-1pm Confirm. Gr. 9&10
Sun., 10/22 2:45-4:15pm grades 6-8
Sun., 10/22 2:45-4:15pm Confirm. Gr. 9&10
Mon., 10/23 6:30-8pm grades 6-8
Tues., 10/24 6:30-8pm grades 6-8
Wed., 10/25 6:30-8pm Confirm. Gr. 9&10

HELP: Over **570** 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 meet every other week.** (that works out to be only 13 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:

Mondays – 3:00-4:30pm
10th grade – Assistant
Mondays – 6:30-8:00pm
6th grade - Assistant
Tuesdays – 3:30-5:00pm
Kindergarten - Assistant

GRADE 2 FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING: will be held on Tues., 10/17 at the Church Hall. Please attend either the 10:00am OR 5:45pm meeting. We will be discussing the details of your child's upcoming First Confession.

SUBSTITUTES: If you can volunteer to help in the classroom after school and/or evenings please contact the office and let us know of your availability. Thanks

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. Classes begin Oct. 25.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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.

**Keeping Our Youth Safe Online:
What Every Adult Should Know!**

Featured speaker, Scott Driscoll, is a law enforcement officer with 21+ years of experience. He became a member of a federal crimes against children task force. They educate people through conferences and seminars about safely using technology and the internet. Free will donation is appreciated. When? November 7, 2017, 7 - 9 pm at St. Gianna Parish, 467 Quaker Lane S, West Hartford. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry. Register at 860-242-5573, or email intern2.ocsjm@aohct.org or ginamarie.garabedian@aohct.org. Space is limited.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. It will be held Saturday, October 21 from 2 - 5 pm and Sunday, October 22 from 3 - 5 pm in the St. Francis Church Parking Lot. Winners will progress through local, district, and state competitions. Children 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. Information and registration forms are in the Church Hall.



**VETERANS
APPRECIATION DINNER**

*"We thank you for your service to
our country!"*
Saturday, November 4

All veterans, and a spouse or guest, are invited to a dinner sponsored by our Life Teen/Confirmation high school students on Saturday, November 4 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Church Hall. Sign up sheets will be available in the Church Hall after all Masses.

For more information, please call Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372. Please R.S.V.P. by October 30.

November 1 All Saints Day of Reflection

This special All Saints Day of Reflection at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, in Farmington, will include Morning Prayer followed with a presentation by Sister Mary Ann, CP. "The Communion of Saints: Saints and a Spirituality for Modern Times" is an opportunity to go to Confession, have lunch and celebrate The All Saints Day Mass. This event will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM. Offering is \$30. To register: contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

Archdiocese of Hartford

2017 Women's Conference - November 4, 2017

Register Now! **What's Included?**

- Deli lunch buffet & Validated parking
- Captivating keynote/breakout speakers
- Women-centric vendor hall
- Vigil Mass with Archbishop Blair
- Opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration
- Sacrament of Reconciliation

Time to celebrate our Roman Catholic Faith!
Visit: www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org to register!

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.

