



St. Francis Xavier Parish

October 22, 2017
Twenty-Ninth 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 - October 21

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

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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

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - October 23

TUESDAY - October 24

6:30 P.M. +Leo & Pauline Macko
Req. by The Macko Family

WEDNESDAY - October 25

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

THURSDAY - October 26

6:30 P.M. +Joseph DiMiceli
Req. by Eileen Hastie

FRIDAY - October 27

8:00 A.M. +Rose Mary Shortelle
Req. by The Barksdale Family

SATURDAY VIGIL - October 28

5:00 P.M. +Joseph Twomey
Req. by Pat Ciccone

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - October 29

7:30 A.M. +Nancy Dooley
Req. by Virginia Driscoll

10:00 A.M. +Jack McPartland
Req. by His Family

5:00 P.M. +Michael Grenier (12th Anniversary)
Req. by His Brother, Marcel & Family

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.

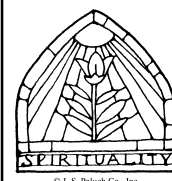


St. Francis sends a final farewell to our dearly departed:

Rita Molella
Jerry Pilch



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week burns in memory of Tyler Iannuzzi Santino Giuliano (5th Anniversary)
Requested by "Zio" Giovanni



The St. Francis Xavier Memorial Window is illuminated this week for Victoria DiCandido (21st Anniversary)
Requested by Her Family

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:

- Oct. 22 - Knights Free Throw 3-5 pm, parking lot
- Oct. 22 - LifeTeen Life Night-begins with 5pm mass
- Oct. 25 - RCIA begins - Church Hall - 7 pm
- Oct. 27 - W.I.C. - 9am - 4pm, church hall
- Oct. 29 - Happy 96th Birthday to Alma Bona - following the 7:30 am Mass, sponsored by Women's Guild, coffee and...
- Nov. 1 - All Saints Day Masses - 8am & 6:30 pm
- Nov. 2 - All Souls Day Mass - 6:30 pm
- Nov. 4 - Veterans Dinner - 6pm - Church Hall
- Nov. 5 - 2nd Grade Mass, meeting, pot luck - 5pm
- Nov. 6 - Confraternity of the Rosary meeting - 12 noon, church hall
- Nov. 7 - Christmas Pageant Cast Call - 4:30 pm
- Nov. 7 - ELECTION DAY - Remember to vote!!
- Nov. 11 - Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass 5pm
- Nov. 12 - Intergenerational Reconciliation Prep - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., church hall
- Nov. 12 -LifeTeen Life Night-begins with 5pm mass
- Nov. 14 - 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

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.

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.

St. Marguerite's of Brookfield will hold their **25th Annual Fall Festival/Craft Fair and Bazaar** on Saturday, November 11, 10am-4pm. There will be a wide selection of items to purchase! Church is located at 138 Candlewood Lake Road in Brookfield.

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 week, October 25, for all those who wish to be in full communion with the Catholic Church.



Sacrificial Giving

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OFFERTORY - October 15	= \$4,684.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$258.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$258.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,168.00
Hurricane Irma Relief Fund	= \$3,157.00

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. Discover anew how God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges 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 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

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14th Annual Pasta Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 66

(Sponsored by

St. Francis Xavier Church)

Friday, November 3, 2017

Odd Fellows Hall (Route 7)

5:00 – 8:00 PM

Spaghetti Supper

\$10.00 adults, students/seniors

\$20 max per family

(max 6 people)

Children under 2 yrs are FREE.

Dinner includes salad, pasta, meatballs, bread, home made desserts, and beverages. Thank you to the Odd Fellows for the donation of their hall and to everyone for supporting our Boy Scout program!!!

Secular Franciscan Information Day

Have you ever thought about taking "following Jesus" a bit more seriously? Would you welcome being part of a small community of like-minded friends? Would you like to learn more about St. Francis of Assisi, and his way of joyfully and wholeheartedly embracing the Gospel Message? Could God be calling you to a deeper relationship? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be interested in learning more about the Secular Franciscan Order. The Rosa Mystica Secular Franciscan Fraternity will be hosting an Open House at St. Theresa's Church, 146 Main Street, Woodbury at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12. For more information, call Bill Wilkin at 203-888-5995 or email billwilkinjr@yahoo.com.



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

LIFETEEN (YOUTH GROUP): will be held THIS Sun., 10/22 with the 5pm Mass followed by a dinner of Chicken Enchilada's 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.

CONFIRMATION SAINT PROJECT: all second year Confirmation students need to hand in their Saint posters at their next class (Sun., 10/22; Mon., 10/23; Wed., 10/25)

VETERAN'S DINNER: will be held on Sat., Nov. 4th and Sue is looking for decorators, kitchen help, servers, singers and a clean up crew. Set up begins at 12 noon and clean up concludes at 8:30pm. Please call her if you can help by donating your time, talent or food/items.

MOVIE NIGHT: Please reserve Friday, Nov. 3rd for a Family Movie Night at St. Francis Xavier. The movie is **TROLLS**. This is a fundraiser for Youth Ministry. The cost is \$10. per family OR 6 coins = free admission. Snacks will be provided. Call Sue Pullen with questions or to make reservations.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Dress like a Saint or Super Hero to hand out candy to the children in New Milford. Contact Sue Pullen if you would like to help on Tues., Oct. 31st 4:30pm or you can donate a bag of candy.

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!!*

The **Faith Formation office hours** are Monday thru Thursday 9:00am– 12:30pm (closed for lunch) and 1:30–5:00pm. We are closed on Fridays.

Faith Formation 860-354-5372

CLASSES FOR THIS 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

CLASSES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Tues., 10/31 3:30-5pm grades K-2
 Wed., 11/1 3:30-5pm grades 3-5
 Thurs., 11/2 3:30-5pm grades 3-5

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

GRADE 2 MASS AND MEETING: will be held on Sun., Nov. 5th at the 5pm Mass. The children will sit their families during Mass. Father will speak to the children immediately after Mass and there will be a pot luck dinner following. Any questions call Jessica.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST CALL: will be held on Tues., 11/7 at 4:30pm. Call Jessica with questions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please come and join us THIS **SUNDAY**, Oct. 22nd at the 5pm Mass. After the opening prayer all the children in grades K-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 with any questions.

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.

**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.)

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.

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.



**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!



**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.

**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.

ALL SOULS DAY: is on Thurs., Nov. 2nd this year. Mass will be at 6:30pm. All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. It commemorates the faithful departed and is a beautiful way to remember those who have passed. We invite you to bring a framed photo of a loved one (or collage) in a frame no larger than 8x10 to be placed around the Church as we remember those family and friends who have passed away.

BOX OF JOY: Cross Catholic Outreach: Our youth ministry is putting together a shoe box full of toys and small items for children living in dire poverty. They will be delivered by Christmas, so we need them packed and back at the office by Sun., 11/5. We are looking for donations of \$9.00 to help cover shipping. If you can help contact Sue Pullen in the office.