



St. Francis Xavier Parish

October 29, 2017
Thirtieth 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 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

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - October 30

TUESDAY - October 31

6:30 P.M. +Scott Rossell
Req. by The Gallagher Family

WEDNESDAY - November 1 - All Saints Day

8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis Xavier
6:30 P.M. +All Souls in Purgatory
Req. by A Friend

THURSDAY - November 2

6:30 P.M. +All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY - November 3

8:00 A.M. +Wayne Britton
Req. by Rosie Markstaller

SATURDAY VIGIL - November 4

5:00 P.M. +James Lewis
Req. by The Jonke Family

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

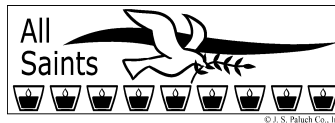
SUNDAY - November 5

7:30 A.M. +Kevin Trudel
Req. by The Psenicnik Family
10:00 A.M. +Madeline Petrillo
Req. by Sunday Morning Choirs
5:00 P.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier

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 Sanctuary Lamp for the week
burns in memory of
James T. Cuddy
Requested by Sally Cuddy



All Saints Day
Wed., November 1
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule:
8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

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.

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. Our RCIA program began this past week. It meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and is for all those who wish to be in full communion with the Catholic Church.

**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.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE WJMJ RADIOTHON
 WJMJ FUNDRAISING EFFORT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT: WJMJ, your Catholic radio station in the Archdiocese of Hartford, is having its semi-annual Radiothon fundraiser Thursday, November 9 through Monday, November 13. Help keep this great station on the air! WJMJ plays music you won't find anywhere else, and broadcasts news and weather you get on regular stations – but without the commercials! Father John Gatzak's daily reflections and observations on the Gospel, "Saint of the Day," "The Archbishop's Corner" and other original features make this faith-filled station fun to listen to and inspirational. WJMJ is on 88.9 FM in greater Hartford, 107.1 FM in New Haven, 93.1 in Hamden or online at www.WJMJ.org. WJMJ, Where Faith Meets Life!

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.

Knights of Columbus

The annual Memorial Mass for deceased members will be held at St Francis Xavier Church on Saturday November 11th at the 5:00 PM Mass. All members, families and friends are invited to attend the Mass and join us for light refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass. Please RSVP to Financial secretary John McDougall (macspider@charter.net or 860-355-3462) if you are planning on attending the Mass. The Mass will be preceded by a Patriotic Rosary at 4:00PM prior to Mass to honor all our veterans both living and deceased.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION will be our regular Monthly Collection used to offset the cost of utilities.



Sacrificial Giving

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OFFERTORY - October 22	= \$5,211.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$287.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$287.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,637.00
Propagation of the Faith	= \$2,058.00

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Spaghetti Supper

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

\$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!!!

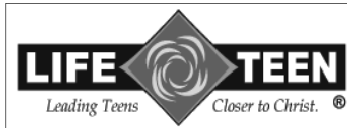
BOX OF JOY: Cross Catholic Outreach: Our youth ministry is putting together a shoe box full of toys and small items for children living in dire poverty. They will be delivered by Christmas, so we need them packed and back at the office by Sun., 11/5. We are looking for donations of \$9.00 to help cover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

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:

- Oct. 29 - Happy 96th Birthday to Alma Bona - following the 7:30 am Mass, sponsored by Women's Guild, coffee and...
- Oct. 29 - Life Teen Life Night "Illuminate"!!!
- Nov. 1 - All Saints Day Masses - 8am & 6:30 pm
- Nov. 2 - All Souls Day Mass - 6:30 pm
- Nov. 3 - Family Movie Night "Trolls" 7pm
- 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 - Patriotic Rosary - 4pm - all are welcome
- 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.pcouncil@gmail.com



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

LIFETEEN (YOUTH GROUP): will be held THIS Sun., 10/29 with the 5pm Mass followed by a BBQ dinner and dessert. "ILLUMINATE" 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.

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.

MOVIE NIGHT: Please reserve Friday, Nov. 3rd at 7 pm 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.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

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.

FAITH FORMATION 860-354-5372

CLASSES FOR THIS 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

CLASSES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sun., 11/5 11:30am-1pm grades K-5
Sun., 11/5 11:30am-1pm Confirm. Gr. 9&10
Sun., 11/5 2:45-4:15pm grades 6-8
Sun., 11/5 2:45-4:15pm Confirm. Gr. 9&10
Mon., 11/6 3:00-4:30pm Confirm. Gr. 9&10
Mon., 11/6 6:30-8:00pm grades 6-8
Tues., 11/7 No school, no classes, please vote
Wed., 11/7 6:30-8:00pm Confirm. Gr. 9&10

GRADE 2 MASS AND MEETING: will be held on Sun., Nov. 5th at the 5pm Mass. The children will sit with 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. 29th 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.


HELP: Over 565 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. Classes meet every other week.** If interested or you would like more information please call the office.

**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. Please sign up at <http://www.hdhm.org/rake-n-bake-2017-registration/>

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

<p>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.</p>	
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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

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.

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.

<p>Archdiocese of Hartford 2017 Women’s Conference November 4, 2017</p> <p>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</p> <p>Time to celebrate our Roman Catholic Faith! Visit: www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org to register!</p>
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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.

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.