

St. Francis Xavier Parish

October 8, 2017

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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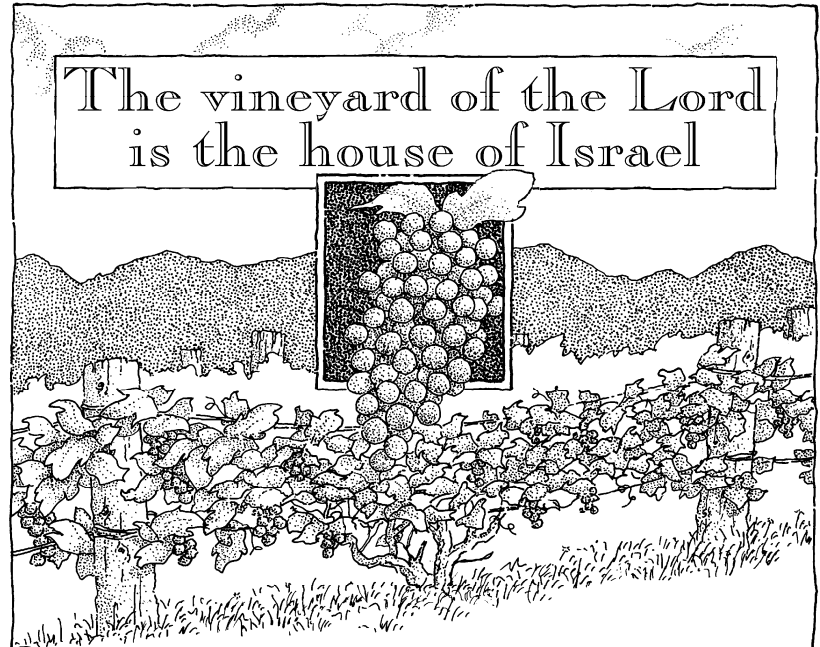
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

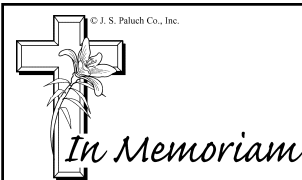
Contact the priest 1 year in advance.

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:

John Dowling

SATURDAY VIGIL - October 7

5:00 P.M. +John O'Shaughnessy (5th Anniversary)
Req. by His Family

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SUNDAY - October 8

7:30 A.M. +Joseph Samoska III (6th Anniversary)
Req. by His Family
10:00 A.M. +Dolly Bohdan
Req. by The Bohdan & Awkland Family
5:00 P.M. For The People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - October 9

TUESDAY - October 10

6:30 P.M. +Jerome Hyland (5th Anniversary)
Req. by His Wife and Children

WEDNESDAY - October 11

8:00 A.M. +Michael Casale (10th Anniversary)
Req. by Pat Casale

THURSDAY - October 12

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

FRIDAY - October 13

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

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

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.

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.

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:

- Oct. 9 - Offices Closed - Columbus Day
- Oct. 10 - Women’s Guild meeting - 7pm - Ch. Hall
- Oct. 14 - Women’s Guild Penny Auction
- 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. 22 - LifeTeen Life Night-begins with 5pm mass
- Oct. 25 - RCIA begins - Church Hall

Parish Council Email Address

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

Thank you! Thank you to an anonymous donor for the wonderful gift of the Baldwin Baby Grand Piano that now graces our worship place. The previous owner is truly happy that this beautiful instrument will become part of the Music Ministry Program at St. Francis and that the Church community will enjoy the wonderful sound of love and friendship that will be shared throughout the home of our Lord. He did not want acknowledgement for this generous gift, but we wanted to share with the congregation how this lovely instrument came into our possession.

*“Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully,
and shout for joy.”*

Psalm 33: 1-3

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.

Emergency Collection October 14 & 15

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

In the past few days 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 the victims of Hurricane Irma.



OFFERTORY - October 1	= \$5,313.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$292.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$292.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,729.00
Monthly Collection	= \$3,467.00

**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 this weekend, 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.

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 based on your schedule. Please call the WHEELS office at 860-354-6012 or www.wheelsofnewmilford.org.

**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!



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 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.

JR. YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6, 7 & 8): KICKOFF: will be held on 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. 8th 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., 11/21 at 1:45pm-3pm. If you are interested in being a part of this Ministry, please contact Sue in the office.

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., 10/10 6:30-8pm grades 6-8

Wed., 10/11 6:30-8pm Conf.9&10

CLASSES FOR NEXT 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

HELP: Over **568** 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 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:

Mondays – 3:00-4:30pm

10th grade – Assistant

Mondays – 6:30-8:00pm

6th grade - Assistant

Tuesdays – 3:30-5:00pm

Kindergarten - Assistant

Wednesday – 6:30-8:00pm

9th grade – 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.

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.

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.

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.



**CRAFT FAIR VENDORS NEEDED:
 November 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.

The **Women's Guild** will be selling Drawing Basket tickets on Saturday, October 7th after the 5PM mass and on Sunday, October 8th after the 7:30PM & the 10AM masses. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00 and 15 for \$10.00. Winners will be announced at the October 14th Penny Auction, parishioners need not be present to win.

The **October Women's Guild meeting** is Tuesday, October 10th at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. We'll be working on the Penny Auction.

It's a True Penny Auction! The Women's Guild is having a Penny Auction on Saturday, October 14th in the Church Hall. Buy 1 or more envelopes for \$1.00 each, each envelope has 100 tickets in it for you to bid on your choice of hundreds of items. Doors open at 12 noon, winners are announced starting at 1:30PM. You **MUST** be present to win. Refreshments & Special Drawing Basket tickets will be offered for purchase. Plan to arrive as soon as the doors open to give yourself time to place your bids carefully. For more information contact Ellen Cote, (860)354-5883 or ebcote@yahoo.com.

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. Includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. Begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. Register at www.holyfamilyretreat.org/graceenough or call Holy Family at 860.760.9705 for more info.
 Men's Retreat Date: November 3-5, 2017

Please join us at **St Marguerite Bourgeoys Church** (138 Candlewood Lake Rd, Brookfield) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and the 'Miracle of the Sun'. The program will begin at 12 noon on Sat., Oct. 14th, outside, near the statue of Our Lady. Please bring a Rosary and in case of rain, an umbrella, as we are outside, rain or shine. There will be limited seating for those who are unable to stand for the full service. Please arrive by 11:45 to ensure parking and a prompt noon start of this special service. Questions: dsenete@gmail.com or leave a message at 203-775-6378.

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.