



St. Francis Xavier Parish

November 12, 2017

Thirty-Second 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 - - November 11
 5:00 P.M. For All Veterans - Living and Deceased

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY - November 12

- 7:30 A.M. +Anna Funaro
Req. by The Lalak Family
- 10:00 A.M. +Jack McPartland
Req. by His Family
- 5:00 P.M. +Blanca Jaramillo
Req. by Her Family

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - November 13

TUESDAY - November 14

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

WEDNESDAY - November 15

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

THURSDAY - November 16

- 6:30 P.M. +Martha E. Lalak
Req. by The Lalak Family

FRIDAY - November 17

- 8:00 A.M. +Anthony Toranto
Req. by His Family

SATURDAY VIGIL - November 18


- 5:00 P.M. +Nelson Gaudenzi
Req. by His Wife & Family

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time


SUNDAY - November 19

- 7:30 A.M. +George Manizza
Req. by His Wife, Helen
- 10:00 A.M. +Victoria Sy
Req. by The Garcia Family
- 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.



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



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week burns in memory of
 Our Deceased Veterans

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 Weekend is Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call 860-481-3720.

RETREAT: "I came to CAST FIRE upon the earth!!!"...

Saturday, 12/2/17... Ages young adults & up...Praise & Worship, Adoration, Chaplet, Confessions, Rosary, Mass w/ Sacred Music...My Father's House Retreat Center, Moodus, CT...Speaker: Rocco Fortunato, Founder of Spread the Blaze...Music: Spread the Blaze, Crusaders of Mary Immaculate, & Knights of Mary Immaculate...More info & to register: <https://www.myfathershousect.org/> or call 860-873-1906.

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.

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!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, November 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION will benefit the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please be generous in next week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



OFFERTORY - November 5	= \$4,892.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$269.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$269.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,354.00
All Saints Day	= \$1,593.00

Emmaus 79 Teen Retreat:

Danbury Emmaus is having a retreat for anyone from 8th-12th grade on December 1-3 at the Seton Newman Center in Danbury, CT.

It will be a weekend that you will never forget. Come and deepen your relationship with God while making friendships that will last a lifetime!

Emmaus is Faith, Friends, Fun, and PLENTY of delicious Food. We promise you won't be disappointed!

If you are interested, please call Kristin Nauheimer 203-512-5285, or visit us at www.danburyemmaus.org. We look forward to meeting you on the weekend!

SOCIETIES/MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Pastoral Council President - Christine Zona 860-210-7892

Liturgical Ministries:

- Altar Servers** - Peter Tagley 860-868-7821
- Children's Liturgy** - Jessica Higgins 860-354-5372
- Eucharistic Ministers** - Al Gambone 860-946-9776
- Greeters** - Noreen Fanella - nafanella@att.net 860-355-2625
- Lectors** - Barbara Mullen - 860-354-6436
- Music Ministers**-Doreen Gray, Tina Haddad, Christian Martirano
- Ushers** - Herman Izzard - 860-354-0430

Prayer/Catechetical/Service Ministries:

- Confraternity of the Rosary**-First Monday -Noon, Church Hall
- Knit for Life** - Patty Snodgrass - 860-355-4578
- Knights of Columbus** - For info call Bill Byrd 860-350-6263
- Lay Missionaries of Charity** - Joan Kick 860-354-1323
- Maintenance Ministry** - Tom and Cathy 914-843-5193
- Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group** - Thurs., 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
- Parish Prayer Line** - Terri - 860-355-8143; Debbie - debhmel@gmail.com
- Prayer Shawl Ministry**-Jo DeCosa - 860-355-0342
- Pro-Life Ministry** - Deacon Roland Miller - 860-355-3737
- R.C.I.A.** - Robert & Barbara Mullen 860-354-6436
- Women's Guild** - Second Tuesday of Month - 7 p.m., Church Hall
- Youth Ministry** - Sue Pullen 860-354-5372
- LIFETEEN** (High School Youth) **Jr. Youth Group** (Gr. 6 - 8)

Outreach Ministries:

- Beautification Committee** - Joe Caruso 860-355-0670
- Community Garden Ministry** - Steve Fugardi - 203-770-4103
- Mass Taxi** - need a free ride to Mass? Mark Speede 860-210-0289
- Martha & Mary Community Care** - 860-354-2202
- Meals Ministry** - Chris Grenier 860-354-2202

Affiliated Groups:

- Recovery Anonymous** - 7 pm, Thursday, 3rd FL
- Boy Scout Troop 66** - Darrin Thorndike 860-799-0730
- Cub Scout Pack 66** - Steve Morris 203-526-6254



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

LIFETEEN (YOUTH GROUP): will be held Sun., 11/19 with the 5pm Mass followed by dinner & dessert. "FRIENDSGIVING" 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.

If YOU are in grades 6-12 you can HELP the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen AND Dreams Come True.org

How? By helping to assemble crafts to sell on Sun., 11/12 AND/OR Fri., 11/17 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Parish Center. We will also need people to sell at the Craft Fair on Sat., 11/18 from 9am-4pm & Sun., 11/19 at the Church. Contact Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 or email her at spullen@sfxnewmilford.org.

BINGO will be held on Sat., Nov. 18th from 1:45-3:00pm at the Village Crest. If you are interested in being a part of this Ministry, please contact Sue in the office. We provide the prizes, we just need YOU.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please come and join us THIS **SUNDAY**, Nov. 12th 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.

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CLASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Tues., 11/14 3:30-5pm grades K-2
*Tues., 11/14 6:30-8pm grades 6-8
*makeup class for 11/7; no school
Wed., 11/15 3:30-5pm grades 3-5
**Wed., 11/16 6:30-8pm Confirm. Gr. 9&10
**makeup class for 11/22; no school
Thurs., 11/17 3:30-5pm grades 3-5

CLASSES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sun., 11/19 11:30am-1pm grades K-5
Sun., 11/19 11:30am-1pm Confirm. Gr. 9&10
Sun., 11/19 2:45-4:15 GRADES 6-8
Sun., 11/19 2:45-4:15 Confirm. Gr. 9&10
Mon., 11/20 3:00-4:30pm Confirm.gr. 9&10
Mon., 11/20 6:30-8:00pm grades 6-8
Tues., 11/21 6:30-8:00pm grades 6-8

HELP: Over 560 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 for grades K-5 please call Jessica Higgins for more information and for grades 6-10 or Youth Ministry please call Sue Pullen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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


INTERGENERATIONAL RECONCILIATION PREPARATION: the first class for the parents and children will be held at the Church this Sun., Nov. 12th from 3:30-4:30pm. Call Jessica with any questions.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST CALL: was held, it's not too late to be a part of this blessed event. EVERYONE gets to play a roll. Call Jessica with questions. The rehearsals will be Mon., 11/27 at 5:30pm at the Church and Mon., 12/4. The dress rehearsal will be held on Sat., 12/9 at 9am at the Church. The pageant will be presented 12/10 at 2pm

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.

The **Women's Guild** November meeting is Tuesday, November 14th at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. All women of the Parish are welcome, please join us for coffee & cookies! For more information, contact Ellen Cote, (860) 354-5883 or ebcote@yahoo.com.

The **Women's Guild Holiday Fair** is Saturday, November 18th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Start your holiday season by stopping by to see a variety of offerings from our vendors. For more information, contact Ellen Cote, (860) 354-5883 or ebcote@yahoo.com.

<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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ENDERS ISLAND

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Mystic CT

November Day of Recollection

With Deacon Steven DeMartino
Thursday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m.
\$50 per person

Blessed Romero: Shepherd, Prophet, Martyr

<http://enders.is/novemberdor>
860-536-0565

Recover/Create/Retreat

**HOLLY BERRY FESTIVAL
TO BENEFIT RETIRED SISTERS**

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are holding its annual Holly Berry Festival on Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18, at Sacred Heart Academy, 265 Benham Street in Hamden. The Holly Berry Festival is a craft fair with raffles, a bake sale, food, entertainment, and kid's area.

A baked ziti dinner will be held on Friday, November 17, from 5:00 to 7:00. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, and are available at the door.

All proceeds benefit our retired sisters. For more information, visit our website at ascjus.org or call us at 203-248-4225

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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 to future generations.

Lourdes In Litchfield Gift Shop

Beginning Sunday, November 5th until December 23rd, the Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield will be open from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday & Sunday, 11:30 am (after Mass) until 4:00 pm.

The Shrine is located on 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, CT.

There is a varied selection of Advent wreaths and candles along with many new Christmas ornaments, cards & Fontanini Nativity sets. Also, unique gifts and books are available for all occasions, particularly baby & children's items.

Stop by and visit us!

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Pope Francis has said that: "It is the duty of everyone to defend religious freedom and promote it for all people." As the healthcare mandate is retooled, let us pray that the religious freedom of the Church is safeguarded.