



St. Francis Xavier Parish

November 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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 25

5:00 P.M. +Deceased members of the LaViolette & Gray Families
 Req. by Adrian & Doreen Gray

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SUNDAY - November 26

7:30 A.M. For Duey and Sally Adams
 (Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary)
 Req. by Their Family

10:00 A.M. +Patricia M. Cuddy
 Req. by Her Family

5:00 P.M. +Joseph Kane
 Req. by Patti & Bob Fisher and Family

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - November 27

TUESDAY - November 28

No Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY - November 29

No Daily Mass

THURSDAY - November 30

6:30 P.M. +Mary Burcaw
 Req. by Jeff & Joe Burcaw

FRIDAY - December 1

8:00 A.M. +Scott Rossell & His Family
 Req. by The Pearl Family

SATURDAY VIGIL - December 2

5:00 P.M. +Joe Falk
 Req. by Bea & Family

First Sunday in Advent

SUNDAY - December 3

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

10:00 A.M. +Linda Biondino & Carol Jean
 Req. by Their Family

5:00 P.M. +Kevin Trudel
 Req. by The Psenicnik 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.



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week
 burns in memory of
 Patricia M. Cuddy
 Requested by
 Her Family



The St. Francis Xavier Memorial
 Window is illuminated this week for
 Scott Rossell
 Requested by
 Friends at St. Francis

Please note the change in the Daily Mass schedule for this week only. Fr. Gerry and Fr. Chacko will be at the Priest Convocation with Archbishop Blair and the other priests in our Archdiocese. There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, November 28 or Wednesday, November 29.

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.

The Confraternity of the Rosary Prayer Shawl

committee will hand out prayer shawls and lap robes to any one who has a relative or friend that will benefit from one of these items Fr. Gerry will bless these items at the 5 p.m. Mass this Saturday, November 25. If you would like to make arrangements to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Jo DeCosa at 860-355-0342.

These were made by the following: the late Dorothy Coleman, Catherine DeLuca, Jo DeCosa, Rita Hull, Kathy Hyland, Charlene Palmisani, Pat Pavlick, Alice Perrone, Jean Ploch and Jeanne Schuler.

December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 7 - Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 8 - Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

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!

HELP KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a poster contest to help remind everyone (young and old alike) "Jesus is the reason for the season". The contest will run from Thanksgiving to December 20th. Entry forms with complete details and guidelines will be available in the back of the church.

2017-18 Theme Retreat for Women: Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace," is a week-end women's retreat that will take place at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, in Farmington. It begins Friday evening on January 12, 2018 at 7:00pm to Sunday, January 14 at 12:00 PM. The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis. The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 am followed by brunch. Families and friends may join retreatants for Mass and brunch. Offering is \$250. To register and view our other available Theme Retreat dates: contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

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



Sacrificial Giving

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Due to early bulletin deadlines, the collection totals will be in next week's bulletin.

Do you want to help change the world?

Get involved in Youth Ministry!

Our teens are amazing people and it is an absolute joy to be involved in leading them closer to Christ and supporting them as they figure out ways to use their gifts, and form community within our church. We need more people to get involved and help plan and execute meaningful evenings filled with faith, fun, friendship and service. We have openings in Grades 6 - 12. Please, please consider this vital ministry that will bless your life in more ways than you can imagine. Contact Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 or spullen@sfxnewmilford.org.

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 - debhmc1@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

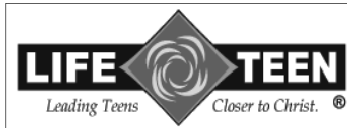
Meals Ministry - Chris Grenier 860-354-2202

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 ON Fri., 12/15 beginning with the Village Crest Carol Sing at 6:40pm, parents please drop off at Village Crest. Followed by pizza dinner (\$5. Donation) at the Parish Center. Then we will walk down to the Bank St. Theatre for "Star Wars-The Last Jedi" premiere night (\$12. Includes ticket, popcorn and a drink). Tickets go fast so first come, first served. 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 texted to parents. Any questions or to RSVP please contact Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 or email her at spullen@sfxnewmilford.org.

LUMINARY SALES: begin on Sat., Dec. 2nd through Sat., Dec. 23rd. Remember and honor someone on Christmas Eve. We are selling Luminary Bags that will be lit during the First Mass on Christmas Eve and bring beautiful light to surround our Church grounds all night. You may purchase your luminary for \$5. for one or \$10. for three. This is a Christmas tradition here at St. Francis Xavier as we pray and light the night with love. All proceeds will help our teens go on the Steubenville retreat this summer. We thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare the Way. Bags may be purchased after ALL Masses during Advent or you may stop by the office. God bless you always.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please come and join us THIS **SUNDAY**, Nov. 26th 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 fewer distractions. Please call Jessica Higgins with any questions.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.) Closed on Fridays.

Faith Formation
860-354-5372

CLASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Tues., 11/28 3:30-5pm grades K-2
 Wed., 11/29 3:30-5pm grades 3-5
 Thurs., 11/30 3:30-5pm grades 3-5

CLASSES FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sun., 12/3 11:30am-1pm grades K-5
 Sun., 12/3 11:30am-1pm Confirm. Gr.9&10
 Sun., 12/3 2:45-4:15pm grades 6-8
 Sun., 12/3 2:45-4:15pm Confirm. Gr.9&10
 Mon., 12/4 3-4:30pm Confirm.Gr.9&10
 Mon., 12/4 6-8:30pm grades 6-8
 Tues., 12/5 6-8:30pm grades 6-8
 Wed., 12/5 6-8:30pm Confirm.Gr.9&10

The **GRADE 3 Mass, meeting and potluck dinner:** will be held on Sun., Dec. 3. We will begin with the 5pm Mass (children please sit with your families during Mass). Father will speak to the children immediately after Mass and there will be a potluck dinner to follow. RSVP to Jessica.

INTERGENERATIONAL RECONCILIATION PREPARATION: the **SECOND** class for the parents and children will be held at the Church **THIS** Sun., Nov. 26th 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 5:30 pm at the Church and Mon., 12/4. The dress rehearsal will be held on Sat., 12/9 at 9 a.m. at the Church. The pageant will be presented on Sun., Dec. 10th at 2 pm.


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.

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.

<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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Prayer for Persecuted Christians:

O God of all the nations,
the One God who is and was and always will be,
in your providence you willed that your Church
be united to the suffering of your Son.

Look with mercy on your servants
who are persecuted for their faith in you.

Grant them perseverance and courage
to be worthy imitators of Christ.

Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations
to work for peace among all peoples.

May your Spirit open conversion
for those who contradict your will,
that we may live in harmony.

Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,
and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Prayer composed by Abp. William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain, Knights of Columbus

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.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING: will be held on Sat., Dec. 2nd from 3-5pm in the St. Francis Xavier Church Hall. Any questions call Eileen or Gerry Monaghan at 860-354-4833.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CAROL SING: will be held on Sat., Dec. 2nd following the 5pm Mass on the Church grounds. Afterwards stay for some hot chocolate and cookies courtesy of our Women's Guild.

THE ANNUAL "2017" GIVING TREE: Christmas tags are on the tree in the Church and we will need all gifts returned to the Church by Sun., Dec. 10th. If you wish to help with this project, please take a tag from the tree, purchase the requested item, wrap it and attach the ORIGINAL tag to the exterior of the gift(s) securely. Volunteers needed to help sort and deliver on Mon., Dec. 11th at 9am in the Church hall, please let Chris Grenier know if you are available to help by calling 860-354-5372. Another way to help is to make a donation and we will buy the item for you. We make sure ALL requests are filled. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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!

Christmas Schedule:

Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent:
Saturday, Dec. 23 - 5 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday, Dec. 24 - 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Masses:
Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12 midnight

Christmas Day Mass:
Monday, Dec. 25 - 10:00 a.m.