

St. Francis Xavier Parish

November 5, 2017
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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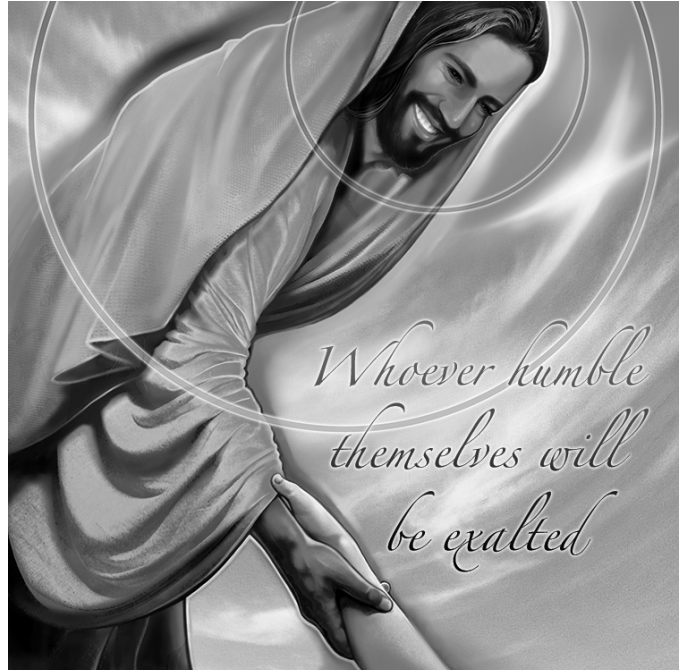
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.



SATURDAY VIGIL - November 4

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

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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

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass - November 6

TUESDAY - November 7

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

WEDNESDAY - November 8

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

THURSDAY - November 9

6:30 P.M. +Scott Rossell
Req. by Doreen & Adrian Gray

FRIDAY - November 10

8:00 A.M. +Scott Rossell
Req. by The Rush Family

SATURDAY VIGIL - November 11


5:00 P.M. For All Veterans - Living and Deceased

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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

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
Gregorio Velez
Requested by His Family

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

**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.

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.

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.

The **Confraternity of the Rosary** will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, November 6 at 12 noon in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome to attend.

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.



OFFERTORY - October 29	= \$4,744.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$261.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$261.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,222.00

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.

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:

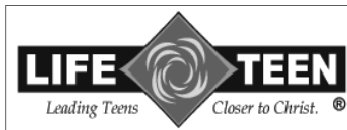
- Confraternity of the Rosary**-First Monday -Noon, Church Hall
- Knit for Life** - Patty Snodgrass - 860-355-4578
- Knights of Columbus** - For info call Bill Byrd 860-350-6263
- Lay Missionaries of Charity** - Joan Kick 860-354-1323
- Maintenance Ministry** - Tom and Cathy 914-843-5193
- Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group** - Thurs., 7:00 p.m. Parish Center
- Parish Prayer Line** - Terri - 860-355-8143; Debbie - debhmc@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 at the St. Francis Xavier Craft Fair 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.

GRADE 2 MASS AND MEETING: will be held on THIS 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.

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

HELP: Over 550 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.

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:

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

CLASSES FOR NEXT 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

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

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


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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

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.

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.



Defending Our Religious Liberty

Last month, the Trump administration announced it would provide a broad religious and moral exemption to the HHS mandate. According to the USCCB, this is good news for all Americans. A government mandate that coerces people to make an impossible choice between obeying their consciences and obeying the call to serve the poor is harmful not only to Catholics but to the common good. Religious freedom is a fundamental right for all, so when it is threatened for some, it is threatened for all.

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! St. Marguerite’s Church is located at 138 Candlewood Lake Road in Brookfield.

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.

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.

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.

Patriotic Rosary - Please join us on Saturday, November 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the church to pray the Patriotic Rosary. We will honor all our veterans both living and deceased and pray for our country. Booklets will be provided. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

At A Glance... Upcoming Dates and Events:

- 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. 8 - RCIA - 7 pm - church hall
- Nov. 9 - Our Lady Queen of Peace prayer group 7 pm - parish center
- 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
- Nov. 15 - RCIA - 7 pm - church hall
- Nov. 16 - Our Lady Queen of Peace prayer group 7 pm - parish center
- Nov. 17 - Jr. Youth Group Craft Night - 6:30 pm
- Nov. 18 - Christmas Giving Tree tags available
- Nov. 18 - Craft Fair - Church Hall - 10 am - 6 pm
- Nov. 19 - Craft Fair - Church Hall 8:30 am- 12 noon
- Nov. 21 - Prayer Shawl Ministry - 1pm - parish cnt.

Parish Council Email Address

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