



St. Francis Xavier Parish

November 19, 2017
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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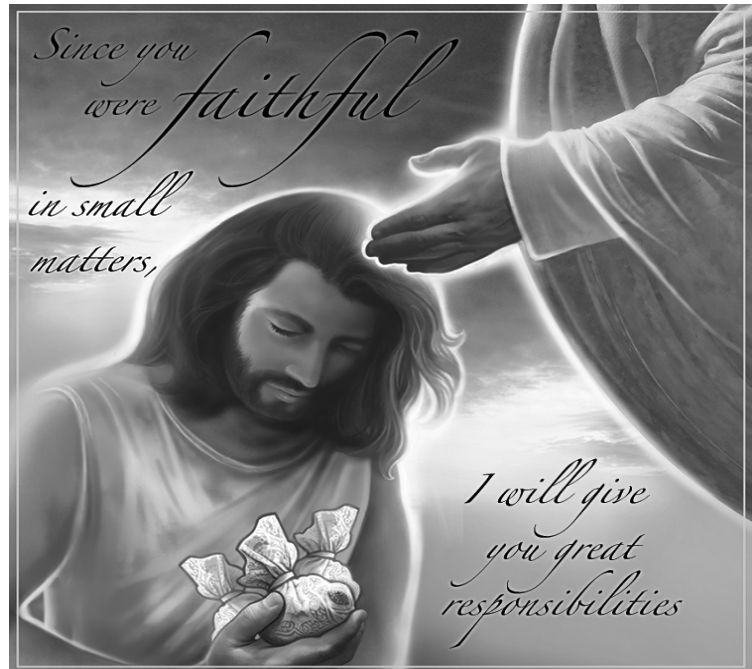
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 18

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

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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

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass November 20

TUESDAY - November 21

6:30 P.M. For the Intention of Laurie Dwyer
Req. by Joan Kick

WEDNESDAY - November 22

8:00 A.M. +Francisco and Amada Allen

THURSDAY - November 23 - THANKSGIVING

9:00 A.M. For the people of St. Francis Xavier

FRIDAY - November 24

NO DAILY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL - November 25

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Please Note: There is **no Daily Mass** on Fri, Nov. 24, Mon., Nov. 27, Tues, Nov. 28 or Wed., Nov. 29. Daily Mass will resume on Thursday, November 30.

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:
Domenic Valinaggi

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week burns in memory of George Manizza
Requested by His Wife, Helen

The St. Francis Xavier Memorial Window is illuminated this week for Paul & Sophie Michalek
Requested by Their Family

The Altar Bread & Wine being offered this weekend are for:
George Manizza
Requested by His Wife, Helen

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
Thursday, November 23
Please join us on Thanksgiving Day for Mass at **9:00 a.m.** as we gather to give thanks to God for His gifts to this land and its people. You are invited to bring your breads or other foods to be blessed that will be shared at your Thanksgiving table.

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.

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 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 on Saturday, November 25.

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.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

This Thanksgiving, let us pray that our most cherished right of freedom of religion is restored in the revision of the federal healthcare mandate.

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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend, the parishes in the archdiocese are taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Your contributions offer a hand up to persons from low-income backgrounds to address issues of poverty in their local community. Two CCHD funded groups, the Naugatuck Valley Project and the Brazilian Worker Center, are working together to address the issue of domestic worker rights in Connecticut! You can read about their efforts, which were featured in the November issue of the Catholic Transcript.



OFFERTORY - November 12	= \$5,748.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$316.00
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$316.00
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$5,116.00

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 THIS 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.

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.

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

We need people to sell at the Craft Fair on Sat., 11/18 from 8am-6:30 pm & Sun., 11/19 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Church. Contact Sue Pullen at spullen@sfxnewmilford.org or 860-354-5372.

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:

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

CLASSES FOR NEXT 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

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please come and join us THIS **SUNDAY**, Nov. 19th 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.

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.

INTERGENERATIONAL RECONCILIATION PREPARATION: the SECOND class for the parents and children will be held at the Church on Sun., Nov. 26th from 3:30-4:30pm. Call Jessica with any questions.

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.

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.



2017-18 Theme Retreat for Women:

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace," is a weekend 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.

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 in advance for your continued generosity.

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!

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 Archbishop O'Brien Library and The Office for Catholic Social Justice presents "Why Dorothy Day Matters"

Reception & Book Signing

By Dr. Ben Peters M.S. Divinity, Ph.D. Theology
Dr. Peter's explores the work of Dorothy Day through his first book published in 2016. It is titled: Called to be Saints: John Hugo, the Catholic Worker, and a Theology of Radical Christianity. His book examines the influence Father John Hugo and his retreat had on Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement. The timing of this presentation also marks the first week of Advent and this was the time in which Dorothy Day passed. The occasion will include a reception and book signing as well as books for purchase at the site. The event is also free and open to the public. Saturday December 2, 2017 from 10:30-12pm in the Archbishop O'Brien Library at 467 Bloomfield Avenue in Bloomfield, CT. To register, please contact the Archbishop O'Brien Library at 860-242-5573 Ext. 2608 or 2623 or email the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry at agnes.dann@aohct.org.