



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 8, 2018

Jesus said to Thomas,  
"Have you come to believe  
because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who  
have not seen  
and have believed."

John 20:29

## 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 within the Octave of Easter**

**SATURDAY VIGIL - April 7**

5:00 P.M. + Margaret Cowhey McAleer  
Requested by her daughter

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**SUNDAY - April 8**

7:30 A.M. + William "Billy" Rogers  
Requested by his sister, Jane & Family

10:00 A.M. + Dominick & Catherine Iavinno  
Requested Tom & Cathy Valedes

5:00 P.M. + Susan Altenburg  
Requested by the Maguire Family

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass**

**TUESDAY - April 10**

6:30 P.M. + George A. Lalak  
Requested by the Lalak Family

**WEDNESDAY - April 11**

8:00 A.M. + Martha E. Lalak  
Requested by the Lalak Family

**THURSDAY - April 12**

6:30 P.M. + Anna Funaro  
Requested by the Lalak Family

**FRIDAY - April 13**

8:00 A.M. + For the People of St. Francis Xavier

**SATURDAY VIGIL - April 14**

5:00 P.M. + Joe Falk  
Requested by his Wife & Family


**Third Sunday of Easter**

**SUNDAY - April 15**


7:30 A.M. + Kim Salveggi  
Requested by Carol Heydet

10:00 A.M. + Amerigo Capodiecì  
Requested by his cousin, Gena Foley


5:00 P.M. + Susan Altenburg  
Requested by Doreen & Adrian Gray



St. Francis sends a final farewell to our dearly departed:  
Phyllis Margaret Knecht  
Mable Ruth McBreairsty  
David J. Lynch



The St. Francis Xavier Memorial Window is illuminated this week for  
Rose M. Giammarino  
Requested by  
The St. Francis Xavier Staff



St. Francis Xavier Parish is happy to welcome our R.C.I.A. candidates into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. May God continue to bless you as you grow in faith.

Paula Hazel "Josephine" Davenport  
Thomas Joseph "Francis" Fisher  
Debba Rastadt "Anne" Minasi  
Ella Grace "Maria" Penna  
Melinda Ann "Julia" Penna

Thank you for entrusting us to journey with you..  
Fr. Gerry, Fr. Chacko, Deacon Roland, Robert and Barbara Mullen and Maura Pauli

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Will be held at St. Francis Xavier on the odd months (January, March, May, July, September and November), following the Friday 8:00 am Mass.

And it will be held at Our Lady of the Lakes on the even months (February, April, June, August, October and December), following the Friday 9:00 am Mass.

**ENDERS ISLAND**

A Spring Day of Recollection will be held at Enders Island in Mystic, CT. This day will be presented by Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC on Wednesday, April 18 2018 at 9:00 a.m. This presentation will be about *Feasting on the Wonders of the Resurrection Stories*. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information please go to <http://enders.is/SpringDOR> or call them at 860-536-0565

**Operation Rice Bowl**  
If you and your family participated in Operation Rice Bowl please return them in either the collection basket at Church or hand them in at the office. Thank you.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as: Hope for the Homeless, New Milford; Loaves & Fishes, New Milford and Martha & Mary Outreach Ministry, New Milford and these three are right here in our own town and they each received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

**Pro-Life Ministry**

The Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to join them for the Archdiocesan Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday, April 24th at 5:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hartford. The Mass of Remembrance is a time of reflection on the lives of our children who have died from any cause. The causes are numerous but the resulting emotions of pain, longing, and sorrow are the same. Refreshments will be served following Mass. If you have any questions, please call their office. Sister Suzanne Gross, F.S.E. Program Coordinator at 203-639-0833 or 203-313-5079 or email her at sistersuzanne@prolifeministry.org or prolifeministry.org

**DONATION TAX STATEMENTS:**

If you use the parish envelope system and would like a printout of your yearly donations for 2017, please call Chris in the Parish Office at 860-354-2202 or email her at cgrenier@sfxnewmilford.org. Please include your name, address, phone number and envelope number. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION** will benefit: Peter's Pence Collection



3/25/18	
OFFERTORY -	= \$6,813.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$374.72
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$374.72
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$6,063.56
HOLY THURSDAY -	= \$ 289.00
GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY LAND	= \$ 673.00
4/1/18 - EASTER	
OFFERTORY -	= \$9,843.00
5 1/2% CATHEDRATICUM	= \$ 541.37
5 1/2% CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$ 541.37
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$8,760.26
MONTHLY COLLECTION	= \$4,031.00



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**DIVINE MERCY FEAST SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH**

Parishioners are invited to pray with us on the Feast of Divine Mercy this, Sunday, April 8th. We will begin with Confession at 2:00 pm and at 3:00 pm we will pray the Divine Mercy Prayers, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Eucharistic Adoration. We invite all to attend this celebration of this great feast at St. Francis Xavier.

**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.

**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:**

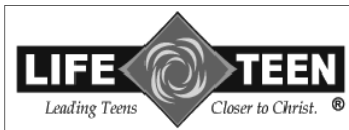
- Confraternity of the Rosary** - First Monday - Noon, Church Hall
- Knit for Life** - Patty Snodgrass 860-355-4578
- Knights of Columbus** - For info call Bill Byrd 860-350-6263
- Lay Missionaries of Charity** - Joan Kick 860-354-1323
- Maintenance Ministry** - Tom and Cathy Valedes 914-843-5193
- Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group** - Thurs., 2:00 p.m. Church Hall
- Parish Prayer Line** - Terri Lucente 860-355-8143; Debbie McLachlan debhmcl@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** - Chris Grenier 860-354-2202
- Meals Ministry** - Chris Grenier 860-354-2202

**Affiliated Groups:**

- Recovery Anonymous** - 7 pm, Thursday, 3rd Floor Parish Center
- 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.**

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT TEAM**

The preparation/practice schedule for the team meeting is Wed., April 18 at 6:30 pm and Fri., April 27th at 6:00pm. All this will take place at the Parish Center. It is very important to be at both of the meetings. Call Sue with questions. The retreat itself will take place on Sat., April 28th and the retreat team will need to be here from 8:00am - 12:00 midnight.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENT RETREAT INFO.**  
**10:00AM-11:30PM AT THE PARISH CENTER**  
**APRIL 28TH**

**FIRE FAMILY UPDATE:**

The family is getting back on their feet. They are moved into their rental home. As they settle we will begin asking for home goods. If anyone would like to donate food (grocery and/or restaurant) gift cards, gas gift cards, retail gift cards or pet store gift cards. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate money for their rental, please note that this money when given to our Martha & Mary fund will be matched (i.e. your \$25 becomes \$50) and then we will make one check to their landlord. Thanks again for the generous support you have shared with them thus far. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.

**Confirmation Date: Saturday, June 9th**

There will be a meeting for ALL attending the Haiti 180 trip. It will be held on Tues., April 10 at 6pm at the Parish Center. Call Sue at 860-354-5372 or email her at spullen@sfxnewmilford.org with any questions.

There will be a meeting for ALL attending the Steubenville Retreat. It will be held on Tues., April 10 at 7pm at the Parish Center. Call Sue at 860-354-5372 or email her at spullen@sfxnewmilford.org with any questions.



**KIDS PAINT DAY**

Will be held on Sunday, April 21st from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Center (school building). The cost is \$25 payable at the door, but you must RSVP so that your spot and materials are available. Let Sue know ASAP. Geri Kayfus will lead the children in this painting project.

The Faith Formation office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m. (closed for lunch) and 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. We are closed on Fridays. Our phone no. is 860-354-5372.

**CLASS FOR THIS WEEK:**

Sun., April 8 11:30am - 1:00pm grades K-5  
\*Sun., April 8 11:30am - 1:00 pm Conf. grades 9&10  
\* LAST CLASS for Sunday Confirmation only  
Sun., April 8 2:45 - 4:15 pm grades 6-8  
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\*\* LAST CLASS for Sunday Confirmation only  
\*\*\*Mon., April 9 3:00 - 4:30 pm Conf. grades 9&10  
\*\*\* LAST CLASS for Monday Confirmation only  
Mon., April 9 6:30 - 8:00 pm grades 6-8  
\*\*\*\*Tues., April 10 3:30 - 5:00 pm grades K-2 and Child Lures will be presented  
\*\*\*\* LAST CLASS for Tuesday afternoon Religion only  
\*\*\*\*\* Wed., April 11 3:30 - 5:00 pm grades 3-5  
Our First Communion children will go to Reconciliation  
\*\*\*\*\* LAST CLASS for Wed. afternoon Religion only  
\*\*\*\*\* Thurs., April 12 3:30 - 5:00 pm grades 3-5  
Our First Communion children will go to Reconciliation  
\*\*\*\*\* LAST CLASS for Thurs. afternoon Religion only

**CLASS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Sun., April 22 11:30am-1:00pm grades K-5  
LAST CLASS FOR SUNDAY RELIGION  
Sun., April 22 2:45-4:15 pm grades 6-8  
LAST CLASS FOR SUNDAY RELIGION  
Mon., April 23 6:30-8:00pm grades 6-8  
LAST CLASS FOR MONDAY EVENING RELIGION  
Tues., April 24 6:30-8:00pm grades 6-8  
LAST CLASS FOR TUESDAY EVENING RELIGION

**REMINDER:**

We still need you to sign up for the Parish App. This works on all iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. So be sure to download the app today by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for myparish on your phone's app store or text App to 88202 to download the app and then select St. Francis after opening. Stay connected with us all week. Any questions call Jessica in the office.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: GRADES 6, 7 & 8**

Will meet THIS Sunday, April 8th following the 5:00pm Mass in the Church Hall. We will be making items to sell for the Earth Day celebration at Harrybrooke Park. Supper will be served and parent pick up will be at 8:30pm. Any questions call Sue in the office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

Please come and join us Sundays at the 5:00 p.m. 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.

**Defending Our Religious Liberty:**

The Administration has pledged that it will defend and protect religious liberty. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has urged the fulfillment of this promise, including an end to regulations and other mandates by the federal government that force people of faith to make choices that go against their religious principles.

**YOUR SUPPORT FOR DEFENDING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY HAS BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED**

Thank you for helping to protect religious freedom by reading the "Defending Our Religious Liberty" announcements in our parish bulletin over the years. Your efforts have undoubtedly motivated congressional representatives and senators to issue changes. Recently, the new administration has taken and will continue to take steps to modify the federal health care mandate. For this reason, we are discontinuing these announcements. Thank you again for backing this endeavor.

**A personal invitation from Archbishop Leonard P. Blair**  
"Come pray with us for our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Middle East"

A Eucharistic Celebration in prayerful solidarity with persecuted Christians in the Middle East, will be held on Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 pm at Saint Mary Church on 5 Hillhouse Ave. in New Haven.

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

The Women's Guild will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. Bring a friend, or come and meet a new one. All women of the Parish are welcome and encouraged to come and join. This month we will be covering pots with fabric for the upcoming Mother's Day plant sale and also planning for the June end of the year dinner. Any questions please contact Ellen Cote, President at

**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 Xavier Scholarship Fund**

We have begun to build up our Scholarship Fund for this year through your very generous donations. The opportunity to help a teen achieve their goal of furthering their education with the aid of this tax deductible fund is still available. Anyone who would like to support our young parishioners as they begin their college career or technical school is welcome to contribute to the St. Francis Xavier Scholarship Fund. Your checks may be mailed to the Parish Center at 1 Elm St. made payable to St. Francis Xavier Church with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo. Scholarships are awarded in June to graduating seniors who are continuing their education. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office. Thank you in advance.

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's call? To respond to God's call to you to serve as a priest or religious, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7457, email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

**A Third Order Secular Community is beginning a new chapter** at My Father's House Retreat Center. Fr. Bill McCarthy, MSA is the Chaplin of this new secular order. Through profession, the members will have their place in the Franciscan family and the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles (MSA) family and join with it in an organic union all Catholic Fraternities around the world.

The next meeting will be the Second Sunday of the month, April 8th, after the 1:30pm Mass at 3:00pm at My Father's House Retreat Center in Moodus. Come for a visit and check it out.

For questions or more information contact: Jim Tibbetts, SFO 518-573-3105, [jimtibbetts@msn.com](mailto:jimtibbetts@msn.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.



***You Can Change the Life of a Teen...***

Dear Parishioners: The Steubenville Retreat is an amazing opportunity for a teen to grow in faith and encounter God in a large community of teens celebrating their Catholic Faith. There are professional speakers and several opportunities to receive God's love in the Sacraments and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please pray about financially supporting our group that is traveling to UMass Lowell at attend this retreat in July. We are sending at least 16 teens this year and we are looking for support to offset the cost of the bus and retreat. The total cost for one teen is \$325 this year. God bless you for all the many ways you have supported our endeavors already. We have several fund raising activities planned in the coming months, but we'll need additional funds to meet our goal.

A donation in any amount to the Steubenville Retreat Fund is greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Francis and write "Steubenville" on the memo line. You may put your donations in the collection basket or mail them. THANKS.

**ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Ladies Guild of St. Anthony Maronite Church 17 Granville Ave. Danbury, would like to invite everyone to a Vendor Event on Sat., April 21st from 10am - 3pm. There will be a variety of the most popular direct sales companies, handmade items available, and baked goods, coffee, tea and water for sale. We will even have a crafts table for children to enjoy. All are welcome to come and enjoy a day of fun and shopping. Our Vendor Event is also the perfect opportunity to get the perfect gift just in time for Mother's Day. The event will be held in the Church Hall and there is free admission and parking for this event.