



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

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# Pentecost SUNDAY

MAY 20, 2018

There appeared to them  
tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came  
to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled  
with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3-4

## 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 - May 19**

5:00 P.M. + Joseph Ploch  
Requested by Bea Falk

**Pentecost Sunday**

**SUNDAY - May 20**

7:30 A.M. + Jules Viau  
Requested by Maddie & Robin Dreeke

10:00 A.M. + Michela Dispensa  
Theresa, Rosa & Children

5:00 P.M. + Susan Altenburg  
Requested by Dave & Nancy Lynch & Family

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass**

**TUESDAY - May 22**

6:30 P.M. + Richard Krosky  
Requested by the Reynold's Family

**WEDNESDAY - May 23**

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

**THURSDAY - May 24**

6:30 P.M. For the living & deceased members of the Shugrue & Brennan Families

**FRIDAY - May 25**

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

**SATURDAY VIGIL - May 26**

5:00 P.M. + Mae Marzano  
Requested by her son, Ron

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**SUNDAY - May 27**

7:30 A.M. + Ray Plue  
Requested by his Family

10:00 A.M. + Amerigo Capodiecici  
Requested by his cousin, Mary DiPalma

5:00 P.M. + Lt. Col. Timothy P. Brooks  
Requested by his Parents & Family

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

Louis R. Chiarito, Sr.  
Madeline Tremmel  
Camille Castonguay  
Carol Lee Granja

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week burns in memory of Amedeo Babore  
Requested by His daughter, Claudia Pilch & Family

The St. Francis Xavier Memorial Window is illuminated this week for Scott James Rossell  
Requested by His Family & Friends

**ONLINE GIVING**

Online Giving is a convenient, secure and confidential way to make your contributions on a weekly, monthly or single time basis. You may contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit card. You select the date and amount of your donation and it will process automatically.

How Do I Get Started?

1. Visit our parish website: [www.sfxnewmilford.org](http://www.sfxnewmilford.org) OR visit and sign up with the Parish App
2. Click on the Online Giving link
3. Click on the Create New Account link

If you have any questions or need help, please call Jocelyne, our bookkeeper for assistance at 860-354-2202.

**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.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend! All parishioners will have the opportunity of make a pledge to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal during Mass.



**Saint Francis Xavier Parish Dinner Dance.**

Please join us for an evening of Fellowship, Fun & Frivolity on Friday, June 1, 2018 from 7:00-11:00 pm at the Candlewood Valley Country Club (golf course across from the New Milford High School). Let's welcome the season with a wonderful evening of great food while we dance the night away with a DJ, trivia games and 50/50 raffle! Pre-Sale ticket cost: \$35/per person (\$40/person after May 20th). Our evening will include: hors d'oeuvres, a fresh spring salad, buffet, dessert and coffee. Soft drinks and juice are also included with this incredible ticket price (cash bar available). Tickets will be on sale beginning April 28th following the Masses in the Church Hall. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office.

**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.

**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.



**Sacrificial Giving**

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OFFERTORY -	= \$5,331.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$293.21
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$293.21
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,744.58

Ascension Thursday	= \$ 747.00
5 1/2% Cathedraticum	= \$ 41.09
5 1/2% Catholic Schools	= \$ 41.09
St. Francis' Share	= \$ 664.82

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

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As reported at the last Parish Council meeting, **The Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass** will be suspended during the months of **June, July & August**. As attendance will be a lot smaller and lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and altar servers are hard to find, we will pick up the 5:00 p.m. Mass on **September 2nd**. *Fr. Gerry*

**DONUT SUNDAY**

The next Donut Sunday will take place on Sunday, June 3rd following the 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. All are welcome and encouraged to come back for some coffee, donuts and fellowship time in our Church Hall.

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

The 10:00 am Confirmation is for the Monday afternoon class and the Sunday morning and afternoon classes. Your practice is Tues., June 5th at 5:15 pm at the Church.

The 1:00 pm Confirmation is for the Wednesday night classes. Your practice is Wed., June 6th at 6:00 pm at the Church.

Please bring your sponsor or a parent to stand in for your sponsor to practice.

Reminder the attire for the "ladies" is to please wear a modest length dress (that means top of knees). If you have spaghetti straps, please wear a bolero, sweater or shawl to cover your shoulders. If you wear sandals, they must be attached to your feet (NO flip flops). The attire for the "gentlemen" is to please wear a button down shirt and tie. A jacket is optional. Dress pants and shoes (no sneakers). These same requirements go for the Sponsors to.

If you have any questions please call Sue Pullen in the office at 860-354-5372.

### **TRUNK SALE: SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH FROM 9:00AM - 2:00 PM (8:00AM SET-UP)**

This is a fundraiser to benefit our St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry. The cost will be \$40./space in our Church parking lot - approx. 20'x20'. You can rent your own space to sell your crafts, tag sale items or other treasures. You keep all the proceeds from your sale and everything not sold drives away with you as well. (We will not have dumpster space for unsold items). Contact Sue Pullen to reserve your space. Tel. 860-354-5372 or email [spullen@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:spullen@sfxnewmilford.org).

The **Graduation Mass** will be held on Sat., June 9th at the 5pm Mass. We will be congratulating ALL seniors on their achievements and wishing them success in their future endeavors. Also please note that the **Senior Scholarships** will be given out at that Mass. Also following Mass we will have a reception in the Church Hall. Please RSVP if you are attending (number of family including your senior) to Sue at 860-354-5372. Thanks.

**Faith Formation**  
860-354-5372

**The offices are closed on Fridays.**

### **FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION** **2018-2019**

Took place on May 16th at the PARISH CENTER (school building) at 1 Elm St. . A letter with all the details was mailed out. If you are interested in teaching or assisting in the classroom, we are looking for help in all grades K-10. Please call Jessica Higgins for information regarding grades K-5 or call Susan Pullen for grades 6-10. Please remind any family or friends that it will be time to register if their child/children is entering Kindergarten or First Grade or if they have been away from the Church and would like to return, please call us first and we will walk them through the process and welcome their return. **IF YOU MISSED REGISTRATION YOU MUST REGISTER DURING OFFICE HOURS ASAP. A LATE FEE OF \$25 PER CHILD WILL GO INTO EFFECT AFTER JUNE 6TH.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Are going out to the following parishioners who are receiving the **Light of the World Award** in recognition of their leadership with the youth in our Parish on Tues., June 19th at the Cathedral: Grace Rossell, Christine Frost, Dawn McLaughlin, Doreen Gray, Adrian Gray, Chris Grenier, Tom Dingee, Jeanne Dingee and Fred Sweeney.

Again **CONGRATULATIONS** are going out to the following High School seniors students who are receiving the **Discipleship Award** for having made a significant contribution to Comprehensive Youth Ministry: Betsey Grabner, Hannah Hayes, Sarah Tompos and Michael Raffaele Also **CONGRATULATIONS** to Beverly Ryan for 15 years, Susan Pullen for 15 years, Starr Gustas for 10 years and Therese Campbell for 10 years. They'll be receiving the **Religious Education Service Award** for having contributed to education in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Please offer up a prayer of thanks for each of them.

### **SUMMER SPIRIT 2018:**

will take place the week of July 9-13. Cost: \$20/one child, \$30/two children & \$35/three or more. \$10/counselor. Campers & counselors must be enrolled in Faith Formation or have completed Faith Formation to register. Summer Spirit is open to children entering Kindergarten through and including grade 6. **If you missed registration on May 16th you may register during Church office hours, the cut-off date is Thurs., May 31st.**

**Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council**

If you have a desire to serve your parish or know of someone who you think can make a difference, we're accepting nominations, from May 19th - June 2nd. The parish council is an opportunity for its members to be active in shaping the future of our Parish. The candidate needs a desire for spiritual growth, be enthusiastic about the future of the Parish, and eager to participate in discussions that shape our Parish's future. The individual should be willing to speak up for what they believe, but we willing to listen to others and work together to build a consensus. As a council member you should be willing to encourage and empower others to take an active role in our parish community. To be nominated you must be have made all your sacraments and be a practicing Catholic of at least 18 years of age. You must also be an active and registered member of St. Francis Xavier.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT and Nov 2-4, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

**Women's ACTS Retreat**

Consider attending this upcoming Women's ACTS retreat, a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreat, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. This is a simple, reverent, Catholic retreat with goals of renewing yourself spiritually, strengthening your faith in your daily life, and creating lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities. Retreat begins on Thursday evening June 28th, with a 5:45 pm check-in at Saint Mary Church in Coventry, CT. Participants will then go to My Father's House in Moodus, CT, for the remainder of the retreat where you will experience true faith, fun and unconditional love. The retreat will end on Sunday, July 1st, with a morning Mass and reception at Saint Mary Church in Coventry, CT.  
\*\*\$199 First Time Retreatant Special  
Question? Contact Maureen Fleming 860-338-1392  
For more information, go to [actsct.org](http://actsct.org)

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.



**ENDERS ISLAND RETREAT CENTER**

The Enders Island Recover/Create/Retreat Center in Mystic, CT is offering a: June Day of Recollection with Fr. Paul Boudreau on Wednesday, June 6th at 9:00 am. Galatians: The Christian Declaration of Independence. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information please go to: <http://enders.is/JuneDOR> or call them at 860-536-0565

**PRAYER SHAWL**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, May 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Center (school building) in the library. Bring a friend, new members re always welcome to join. Any questions please call Mrs. Jo DeCosa at 860-355-0342.

**RECEPTION**

We would like to invite each and every parishioner to a reception to congratulate Al Gambone on receiving his Deaconate on Sat., June 2nd at the Cathedral in Hartford. At this same time we will also be thanking Deacon Roland Miller for continuing to serve St. Francis Xavier during his retirement. The reception will be held on Sunday, June 10th following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to come back and enjoy some coffee, juice, cake and cookies.

**FIRE FAMILY UPDATE:**

The family has moved into their rental and things are slowly, but surely getting settled into a routine. They have to rebuild their home from scratch, but are thankful that everyone is healthy and that includes their pets. At this time we are looking for the following items: TV stand, hair blow dryer, sets of pillow cases and pillows, printer paper, and a paper towel holder. We are still accepting donations of gift cards for the grocery store, restaurants, pet store, gas station and retail. If anyone would like to donate money for their temporary 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 make the check out to the landlord. Thank you from each of them for the generosity and the many prayers that have been given. You may drop off items at the Parish Center (school building) during office hours or call Chris if you have any questions 860-354-2202. God bless. A few more of the items needed have been donated and they thank you so very much. Let's see if we can fulfill the rest.

**Lourdes in Litchfield**

May 1st marks the beginning of the 60th Pilgrimage Season of the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, located at 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, CT 06759. Mass is celebrated Tuesday through Sunday at 11:30am in the outside Grotto. In the event of inclement, weather, Mass is celebrated in the Grotto Chapel located on the Shine grounds. Also on the grounds are the Grotto Gift Shop and the Grotto Café. For further information call 860-567-1041, email: [lourdesshrinect@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesshrinect@gmail.com) or visit our web site: [www.shrinect.org](http://www.shrinect.org).