



**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 Capodiec  
Requested by his cousin, Mary DiPalma

5:00 P.M. + Lt. Col. Timothy P. Brooks  
Requested by his parents & family  
**MONDAY - May 28**  
8:30 A.M. Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery  
**TUESDAY - May 29**  
6:30 P.M. For the Living & Deceased members of  
The DeAlessio & Martin families  
Requested by John DeAlessio & family

**WEDNESDAY - May 30**  
8:00 A.M. + Jules Viau  
Requested by Robert W.X. Martin &  
family

**THURSDAY - May 31**  
6:30 P.M. + Scott Rossell  
Requested by Joan & Jim Kick

**FRIDAY - June 1**  
8:00 A.M. + Santina & Joseph Mancarella  
Requested by their daughter

**SATURDAY VIGIL - June 2**  
5:00 P.M. For Fr. Sebastian Vazhalaka  
Requested by the Lay Missionaries of  
Charity

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
**(Corpus Christi)**  
**SUNDAY - June 3**  
7:30 A.M. + Bob Driscoll  
Requested by his wife & family  
  
10:00 A.M. + Ray O'Brien  
Requested by his wife & family

**Note:**  
**Please contact the ushers at the back of Church; if the Mass is being said for your loved one and you wish to bring up the gifts! Thank you.**



St. Francis sends a final  
farewell  
to our dearly departed:  
Eric Dessin  
Rev. Adrian C. Gray Sr.

**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.



**LAST CALL FOR THE 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! Ticket cost: \$35/per person. 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.

**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*

**RECEPTION**

We would like to invite each and every parishioner to a reception to congratulate Al Gambone who will be 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, and shake their hands and offer a few kind words of gratefulness.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION** will benefit: Monthly Collection



OFFERTORY -	= \$4,368.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$240.24
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$240.24
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$3,887.52

Catholic Communication Campaign = \$1,463.00

**Confraternity of the Rosary**

The St. Francis Xavier Confraternity of the Rosary will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, June 4th at 12:00 noon in the Church hall. We are honored to have Ms. Jean Suddaby come and speak. She will be presenting an inspiring talk "Alive in the Spirit". She will tell all attending about her personal encounter with the Holy Spirit. Please come and join us. We ask you to bring a lunch; coffee and dessert will be served. All women are welcome and you can also bring a friend.

**Vocation Reflection**

Through baptism we become beloved children of the Father of Jesus. Pray for the grace to humbly accept that gift. Listen for what it means in your life. If that gift is to become a priest or religious, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel 860-761-7456, email [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

**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](mailto: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 [debhmc1@gmail.com](mailto: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** - 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### GRADUATION MASS

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.**

### 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.**

### KIDS PAINT

Our next Kids Paint day will be held on Saturday, June 16th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This event will be held at our Parish Center (school building). Please R.S.V.P. to Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 by Wednesday, June 13th at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for Catechists / Assistants / Child Lures Team K-5 / Child Lures Team 6-10 / Bakers (for special events) / snacks and juice donations (for our classes) / Substitutes / Office Temps / Music &/or Talent / Retreat helpers / Arts & Crafts helpers and Pageant helpers. We really do need **EVERYONE** to help in some way, so please call us if you can at least do one of the above. **YOU** can make a difference.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, the patriotic arm of the Order, is offering a patriotic button and a patriotic bracelet after all the Masses THIS WEEKEND. We will be selling them in the back of the Church following the Sat., 5pm Mass and the Sun., 7:30 and 10:00 am only. The price is \$5./each. All of the profits are used to support the local K of C programs for our veterans.

We urge all of our follow parishioners to celebrate Memorial Day and Independence Day and remember the larger meaning to our nation on each of these special days. Thank you.

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.



**Knights of Columbus**

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. For more information about the meeting or about joining the Knights please call Bill Byrd at 860-350-6263.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER WOMEN'S GUILD**

The Women's Guild will be holding their End of the Year Dinner on Tues., June 12th. Save the date. More details in next weeks bulletin.

**9th Annual Bishop Peter Conference**

Registered yet for the 9th Annual Bishop Peter Conference? Join us for this day-long conference sponsored by the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry. The conference is on Sat., June 9th from 9am-3:30pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. A featured Spanish workshop is "House of Nazareth: Caring for Hispanic and Immigrant Families." Flor Ossa, a parishioner at St. John XXII Parish in West Haven will share her experience working with immigrant families and their children, a ministry that has spanned more than twenty-five years! For more information please call 860-242-5573. On-line registration is available at: [catholicsocialjustice.org](http://catholicsocialjustice.org) Registration is \$40 for adults and \$30 for students (ages 14-21). The deadline for registration is Friday, June 1st.

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

When you contribute to any charitable effort, you will want to be assured that the funds received are being used wisely. This includes your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which supports the ministries and outreach of the Archdiocese of Hartford and its parishes. Of the many things funded by the Appeal, Hope for the Homeless, New Milford; Loaves & Fishes and Martha & Mary Outreach Ministry, New Milford, right here in our local area, received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program. This truly makes a big difference in the lives of many local residents and neighbors.

Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) to learn more and make your gift today.

**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.

**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).

**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 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. Happy Memorial Day to one and all.

**LADY LIBERTY LUNCH CRUISE**

The Women's Guild of Our Lady of the Lakes is inviting and hosting a luxury Yacht Tour around New York's iconic landmarks on Thurs., July 19th. This will include the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge, Freedom Towers and more. The cost of the trip is \$100. which includes transportation, lunch and a DJ. You will leave from OLOL parking lot at 7:45am, board the ship at South Street Seaport at 11:30am, return to South Street at 2:00pm and board the bus back to OLOL at 3:30pm. For further information or to sign up please contact Soraya Corratto at 203-470-5715. The deadline to register is Sun., June 3rd.