

26 CHESTNUT LAND ROAD  
NEW MILFORD, CT 06776  
860-354-2202

Web Site: [www.sfxnewmilford.org](http://www.sfxnewmilford.org)  
Email: [sfxparish@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:sfxparish@sfxnewmilford.org)  
Office Hours: 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
Mon. - Thurs. (Closed on Friday)

#### **PASTORAL TEAM**

Rev. Gerald Dziedzic, Pastor  
[PapaGer621@att.net](mailto:PapaGer621@att.net)  
Rectory Phone: 860-799-7449

Rev. Chacko Kumplam  
Parochial Vicar  
[kumplam@gmail.com](mailto:kumplam@gmail.com)

Deacon Roland Miller  
[DeaconRoland@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:DeaconRoland@sfxnewmilford.org)

Deacon Alfred "Al" Gambone

#### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Chris Grenier,  
Administrative Assistant  
Parish Office & Faith Formation  
[CGrenier@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:CGrenier@sfxnewmilford.org)  
860-354-2202

Jocelyne Verrastro  
St. Francis Cemetery/Finance Office  
[JVerrastro@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:JVerrastro@sfxnewmilford.org)  
860-350-6753

#### **FAITH FORMATION 860-354-5372**

Jessica Higgins, Coordinator Gr. K - 5  
[JHiggins@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:JHiggins@sfxnewmilford.org)

Sue Pullen, Coordinator Gr. 6 - 12  
Jr. Youth Group (Gr. 6 - 8),  
LifeTeen (Gr. 9-12)  
& Confirmation  
[SPullen@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:SPullen@sfxnewmilford.org)

#### **HOLY INFANT NURSERY SCHOOL**

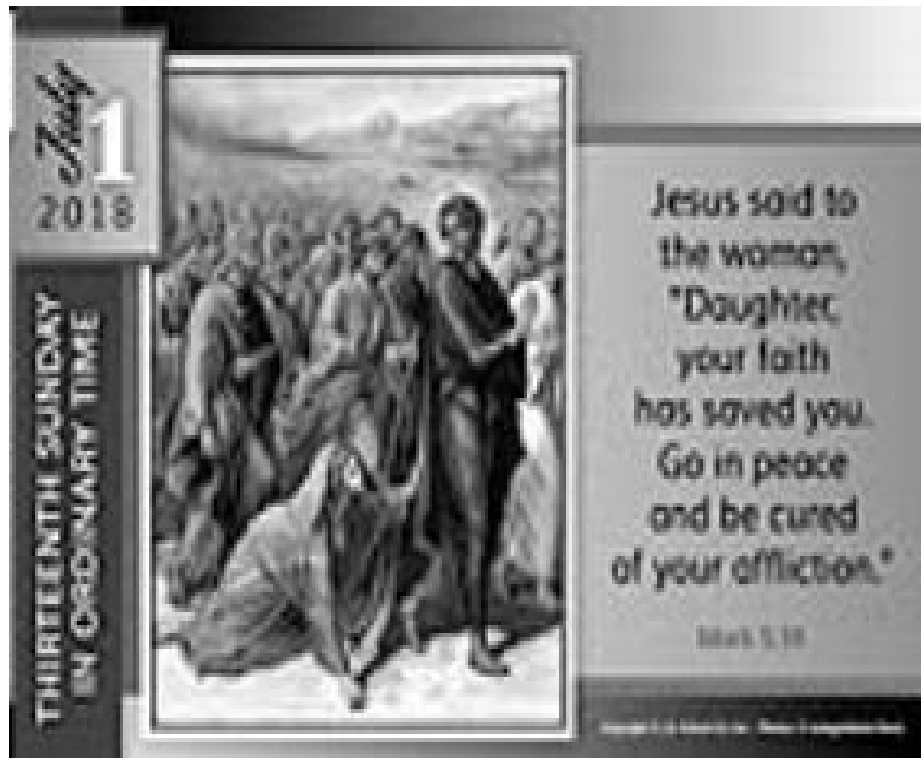
Marge Cooper, Director  
[HolyInfant@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:HolyInfant@sfxnewmilford.org)  
860-354-7284

#### **Mailing Address & Office Location**

1 Elm Street  
New Milford, CT 06776

Fax # 860-355-9485

# St. Francis Xavier Parish



#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 a.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 - June 30**

5:00 P.M. + Patrick Thomas Maguire  
Requested by Dave & Nancy Lynch & family

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - July 1**

7:30 A.M. + Franko Aquistapace  
Requested by the Aquistapace, Williams & Smith families

10:00 A.M. + Anthony DeVita  
Requested by Jimmy & Rosa Barone

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass**

**TUESDAY - July 3**

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

**WEDNESDAY - July 4**

8:00 A.M. For Peace & Justice

**THURSDAY - July 5**

6:30 P.M. + Hugh Nuremberg  
Requested by Tom Fogarty

**FRIDAY - July 6**

8:00 A.M. + Cecilia & Anna Farrell  
Requested by Jo DeCosa

**SATURDAY VIGIL - July 7**

5:00 P.M. + Patrick Thomas Maguire  
Requested by the Shemeley family

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - July 8**

7:30 A.M. + Vincent DeRosa  
Requested by Carol & Larry O'Toole

10:00 A.M. + Mr. & Mrs. Louis Piskura, Sr.  
Requested by their son



St. Francis sends a final  
farewell  
to our dearly departed:  
John B. Brady  
Guiliana Fani Cardinale



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week  
burns in memory of  
Scott James Rossell  
Requested by  
His family & friends

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

On the weekend of July 7th & 8th, Fr. Chacko will be way. Since we cannot find a priest for Saturday, July 7th the 5:00 p.m. Mass, we will have a **Eucharistic Service** lead by Deacon Roland. The service will include everything except the Consecration. Readings, homily, Prayer of the Faithful, collections and Communion will take place. This service will count for your Sunday Obligation.  
*Fr. Gerry*

**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.

**Archdiocesan Awards Ceremony**

The Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford presided over the ceremony on June 19th at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford. The following parishioners from St. Francis Xavier received:

- The Scouts Award - Light of Christ was given to: Sigge Dahl and Asher Profeta
  - The Religious Education Service - Ten Years of Service: Theresa Campbell and Starr Gustas
  - The Religious Education Service - Fifteen Years of Service: Susan Pullen and Beverly Ryan
  - Discipleship: Elizabeth Grabner, Hannah Hayes, Michael Raffaele and Sarah Tompos
  - Light of the World: Jeanne Dingee, Thomas Dingee, Christine Louise Frost, Adrian Gray, Doreen Gray, Christine Grenier, Dawn M. McLaughlin, Grace Rossell and Fred Sweeney.
- Please join us in offering another Thank You and may God continue to bless all of these honorees.  
*Fr. Gerry*

**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.**

**HEALING MASS**

First a freak snowstorm, then a tornado...they say third times a charm, so they are trying one more time to hold their spring healing mass.

A Healing Service will be held at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic Church 138 Candlewood Lake Rd. Brookfield on Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Please feel free to bring anyone on your prayer lists to this evening of our Lord's gentle love and mercy.

**SYNOD**

In last weeks bulletin was inserted a flyer regarding the Archdiocese of Hartford's SYNOD. The purpose of the SYNOD is to assess the present age and to see how our Faith is doing in a changing culture. The first step is to conduct a Listening session for each parish. Our 1st session will take place on **Thurs., 7/19 at 7pm in St. Francis Xavier Church** with Our Lady of the Lakes parish as well. There will be a sign in before the meeting. There will be 3 questions we need to answer.

1. What are we (as an Archdiocese ) doing well?
2. What are we (an an Archdiocese) doing not so well?
3. What are we (as an Archdiocese) not doing that we should be?

Please submit your answers in writing at this meeting, they will be recorded and sent to the Diocese. This will be a **listening** session, which means there is no discussion, just a public hearing of the parishioners answers.

So please give this some thought and please come to this very important meeting. *Fr. Gerry*

**Confraternity of the Rosary - Altar Duty Schedule**

July 7	Helen Manizza / Kathy Hyland
July 14	Jeanne Schuler / Maura McPartland
July 21	Patti Fisher / Sue Fisher
July 28	Jo DeCosa / Judy DeAlessio
Aug. 4	Sally Adams / Jeanne Dingee
Aug. 11	Joy Gaiser / Maura McPartland
Aug. 18	Helen Manizza / Kathy Hyland
Aug. 25	Jeanne Schuler / Maura McPartland

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is off for the summer months and will resume again on Sept. 18th at 1:00pm in the Parish Center library. If anyone is in need of a prayer shawl you may call Josephine DeCosa at 860-355-0342 or call the office.



OFFERTORY -	= \$4,566.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$251.13
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$251.13
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,063.74
Mission Collection	= \$2,635.00

**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.

**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 Minister** - Christian Martirano 203-770-2467
- 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

- 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

**VOLUNTEERS:**

Teachers and assistants still needed for K-5:

Tuesday - Northville - 3:30 -5:00 pm  
First grade - 3 catechists

Wednesday - Sarah Noble - 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
Third grade - 2 catechists  
Fourth grade - 3 catechists  
Fifth grade - 1 catechists

Sunday - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Fourth grade - 1 catechists

Sunday - 2:45 - 4:15 pm  
Kindergarten - 2 catechists  
First grade - 2 catechists  
Second grade - 2 catechists  
Third grade - 2 catechists  
Fourth grade - 2 catechists  
Fifth grade - 2 catechists

If you wish to become involved with any of the above classes please call Jessica Higgins @860-354-5372.

Teachers and assistants still needed for 6-10:

Monday - Confirmation - 3:00 - 4:15 pm  
Ninth grade - 1 catechist and 1 assistant

Tuesday - 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Sixth grade - 1 assistant  
Seventh grade - 1 assistant  
Eighth grade - 2 assistants

Sunday - 2:45 - 4:15 pm  
Sixth grade - 1 assistant  
Ninth grade - Confirmation - 2 catechists &  
2 assistants

If you wish to become involved with any of the above classes please call Sue Pullen @860-354-5372.

Please make note that we will have a mandatory Catechist / Assistant training for ALL new and repeating, as well as parents who are choosing to home school to attend, because we are switching programs. This training is on Wednesday, September 5th at the Parish Center (school building) at 10:00 am or 6:00 pm with Chris Adams from Pflaum publishing. Refreshments will be served, so please RSVP so we'll have enough goodies.

**Faith Formation 860-354-5372**  
**Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00am - 5:00pm**  
**The offices are closed on Fridays.**

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 18-19**  
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 HAS GONE INTO EFFECT.**

**STEUBENVILLE 2018**

Please pray about financially supporting our group that is traveling to UMass Lowell to attend this retreat in July. We are sending approximately 30 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 month, but we'll need additional funds to meet our goal. A donation in any amount to the Steubenville Retreat Fund would be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Francis and then write Steubenville in the memo. Please put your donations in the collection basket or mail them to the office at 1 Elm St. Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!

**SUMMER SPIRIT 2018**

This year's program is being held Mon., July 9th - Friday, July 13th. The times for Monday through Thursday is 8:45 am - 12:00 noon. Friday is 8:45 am - 1:00 pm as it includes our annual Friday cookout (picnic). Your child/children will be having a great week as they participate in music, art, outdoor play, Bible stories and many other great activities.

We also provide daily snack and are looking for donations of apple juice and lemonade mix, 7oz. cups, cheese balls, goldfish crackers, pretzels and cheese its. You may drop off these items with your child/children on their first day of the program.

**Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield  
50 Montfort Rd.  
Route 118  
Litchfield, CT**

Fr. Richard Schebera, SMM, will be returning again to the Shrine and will offer three talks in July:

**INTERPRETING THE BIBLE'S MEANING:**

**Thursday, July 12th - Tips to help reading the Bible**

**Thursday, July 19th - Reading the Bible: alone or with others?**

**Thursday, July 16th - Determining our personal reading of the Bible**

The lectures will be held in the air-conditioned Grotto Chapel from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. No registration is required; a free will offering will be appreciated. All are welcome. For further information, call 860-567-1041 or email: [lourdeshrinect@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeshrinect@gmail.com).

Visit us on the internet at [www.shrinect.org](http://www.shrinect.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.



**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 has been extended to Tuesday, July 10th.



**Honoring Those Who Serve!**

During the month of July we will be remembering those who have served our country and community. If you would like to honor a loved one or dear friend, living or deceased. There will be stars in the back of the hall after each Mass and throughout the week. Please write their name and information such as rank and type of service

(military branch, police, firefighter, EMT, etc.). We will honor our heroes by placing these stars on a banner to display in the Church. If you have any questions please contact Kibby Ginn at 860-354-4892 (leave a message and she will call you back at her earliest convenience) or email her at: [connginn@hotmail.com](mailto:connginn@hotmail.com)

**PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS!**

WE need your help, so please fill out this coupon and put it in the collection basket. We must update our data base at this time and need every family to cooperate. This summer will be our opportunity for new beginnings. We will begin by cleaning up our census. All the information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and for our parish use only, your mailing address and phone numbers, etc. will stay within our parish. Please complete this coupon, even if your personal information has remained the same. NOTE: if you have any young adults (21 years of age and over), they must be registered on their own. This is also in effect for those new to our parish and any others who wish to register as members of St. Francis Xavier. If you have any questions please feel free to call Chris in the office at 860-354-2202.

FAMILY LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*if married please include your maiden name)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(\*\*include children living at home (under the age of 21)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your help. We wish you a blessed Summer. Fr. Gerry