



**SATURDAY VIGIL - July 28**

5:00 P.M. + Doris & Hugh Brookd  
Requested by Dennis & Sheila Brooks & family

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - July 29**

7:30 A.M. + John Stiffll  
Requested by Andrea & Bob Rush

10:00 A.M. + Jack McPartland  
Requested by his family

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass**

**TUESDAY - July 31**

6:30 P.M. + John Locascio  
Requested by John Oakes & Carole Shea

**WEDNESDAY - August 1**

8:00 A.M. Deceased & living members of the  
DeAlessio & Martin families  
Requested by John DeAlessio & family

**THURSDAY - August 2**

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

**FRIDAY - August 3**

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

**SATURDAY VIGIL - August 4**

5:00 P.M. + Helen Burke & Charles Burke  
Requested by the Shemeley family

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - August 5**

7:30 A.M. + Jeremiah McKenna  
Requested by his wife & family

10:00 A.M. + Enza DeVita  
Requested by her husband & children



St. Francis sends a final  
farewell  
to our dearly departed:  
Dr. Peter Tucker Bull  
Richard Vanek



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

**MISSION TRIP TO HAITI**

From today, Sunday, July 29th through Saturday, August 4th a group of 13 from St. Francis Xavier have gone on a Mission Trip to Haiti. If you go to: [YOUTUBE.COM Haiti1180](http://YOUTUBE.COM/Haiti1180): Who We Are you can catch a glimpse of what they will be doing.  
*Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.*

**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.

**BACK TO SCHOOL - BACKPACKS FOR KIDS  
Please return items by Mon., Aug. 6th.**

St. Francis Xavier is once again working with the United Way to sponsor 8 local children with backpacks full of school supplies. Our collection time is very short again this year, due to a short summer. Please take a tag from the window sill and purchase the requested items. There are tags for gift cards as well which will be used to buy clothes for the children. Please, please return ALL the items ASAP. You may drop them off at the Parish Center Office or the Church. Call the office if you have any questions. Once again THANK YOU for your help with this very important program.

**You're Invited:**

**2018 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference**

The 2018 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, October 20, at St. Paul High School, Bristol. This year's theme is "go into the whole world" (Mark 16:15). The program will include a host of speakers, as well as Mass with CCMC Chaplain Fr. James Sullivan, and a Q&A with Archbishop Blair. For more information and to register, please visit: [ctcatholicmen.org](http://ctcatholicmen.org).

**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.**

**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.

The Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield is having their **Annual Talent Show**

On Sunday, August 12th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the beautiful grounds of the Shrine.

If interested in participating, forms are available in the Grotto Café or e-mail: [gbuchas@snet.net](mailto:gbuchas@snet.net). Forms should be received by August 5th.

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION** will benefit: Monthly Collection (used to offset the cost of utilities)



**Sacrificial Giving**

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OFFERTORY -	= \$4,406.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$242.33
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$242.33
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$3,921.34

**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** - Deacon 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** - Christian Martirano 203-770-0467 (cell)
- Ushers** - Herman Izzard 860-354-0430

**Prayer/Catechetical/Service Ministries:**

- Confraternity of the Rosary** - First Monday - Noon, Church Hall
- Knit for Life** - please contact the office for further information
- Knights of Columbus** - For info call Dan Sullivan 860-354-4913
- 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) (Gr. 9-12)
- TRIBE** (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

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Let Jesus feed your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Nov. 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Sept. 14-16, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.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.



**CALLING ALL HIGHSCHOOL TEENS:**

Save the date: Sunday, Sept. 30 for ***Catholic Youth Encounter***. Theme - "Too Blessed to be Stressed". This is a fun day of friendship, live music by "Revive", games, guest speaker, Roy Petitfils (check out his TED TALKS), exhibitors, Adoration, Confession and Mass with Archbishop Blair. The cost is only \$30 for this day. Please contact Sue Pullen by Aug. 15 to register. [spullen@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:spullen@sfxnewmilford.org)

**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**  
**We are closed for lunch (12:30-1:30pm)**  
**The offices are closed on Fridays.**

**Wish List:**

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hard pencil cases (20)    | Glue sticks ( 200)           |
| #2 pencils (1000)         | Markers (washable) (20 sets) |
| Colored pencils (20 sets) | T.V.'s with remote           |
| DVD player with remote    | White chalk (20 boxes)       |
| C.D. players              |                              |

We are in need of the above items for use in our Parish Center classrooms. If you can donate any of the above items, please drop the item(s) off in the Church hall clearly marked for use in the Faith Formation program or you can drop them off at the Parish Center during office hours (see above). Thank you.

**What is Children's Liturgy of the Word ?**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated at the 5pm Mass on Sunday's Labor Day through Memorial Day for all children grades K-5. The children are called forward after the opening prayer, acknowledged by the congregation, then sent forth to hear God's Word at an age appropriate level. The goal includes helping the children understand the gospel more fully so they can go out and live their lives as Jesus teaches. We want Children to come to know that Mass is a place where God really speaks to them.

**Interested?**

Each of us has a God given gift. The Children's Liturgy of the Word would love for you to share that gift.

- If your gift is reading with expression, please consider volunteering.
- If you gift is encouraging children to express their thoughts, please consider volunteering.
- If you gift is welcoming people and encouraging participation, please consider volunteering.

If you want to know **What does a Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteer do? And will I receive training and support? And what is the time commitment?** And are interested in becoming a volunteer for Children's Liturgy of the Word, please contact Jessica Higgins at the Parish Center to fill out the Children's Liturgy application. 860-354-5372.

Together  
Radiate  
Inspire  
Belief  
Experience

This is a group for Youth in grades 6,7 & 8 to belong. This is their **TRIBE**. We will provide meetings to foster faith, friendship, fun, service and inspiration. We will gather once a month. Become part of the St. Francis Xavier **TRIBE!!**  
Leader: Sue Pullen [spullen@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:spullen@sfxnewmilford.org)  
860-354-5372 (office).

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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(\*if married please include your maiden name)

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(\*\*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

**Vocation Reflections**

The lad gave what he had - five loaves and a couple of dried fish - and all were fed. Just imagine if we gave what we have...Consider being a priest, deacon, brother, or sister. 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).

**ENDERS ISLAND**

**Dormition Day of Recollection**

*With Fr. Demetri Belsito*

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

*The Feast of the Dormition*

Cost is \$50 per person. Enders Island is located in Mystic, CT For further information please go to their website: <http://enders.is/DormitionDOR> or call 860-536-0565

**Fatima Novena**

*St. Teresa of Avila Church  
Main Street, Woodbury*

**August 4th**

**Novena 8:00 a.m.**

Please join us in a celebration of prayer to petition The Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace in our homes, our communities and in our world.

***When the Son of Man comes will he find anyone faithful?"***

Luke 18:8

Any questions or for further information please contact Alyce Buckley at 203-264-3702 Prince of Peace Parish, Woodbury/Bethlehem.

**St. Marguerite's Parish**

In Brookfield is now accepting applications for the Fall Festival. This annual fundraiser in its 26th year will feature crafts, jewelry, food, imported items, rosaries, clothing, essential oils, paper goods, direct sales, and so much more! For an application, visit "Breaking News" at [stmarguerite.org](http://stmarguerite.org) or call 203-775-5117 ext. 213. St. Marguerite's is located at 138 Candlewood Lake Road in Brookfield. The Festival is on Sat., Nov. 3rd from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & Preview Night: is Fri., Nov. 2nd from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Celebrate a Holy Man's Legacy Atop Holy Land Waterbury Birthplace of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus  
Saturday, August 11, 2018

4:00 p.m. Rosary led by the Knights  
Praise & Worship music by Hands & Feet  
5:30 p.m. Mass celebrated by  
Archbishop Leonard P. Blair  
Gates Open at 2:00 p.m.

Free parking and shuttle bus service from St. Mary's Hospital garage (S. Elm St.).

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket.  
Food concessions available.

For more details, visit [www.HolyLandWaterbury.org](http://www.HolyLandWaterbury.org) or  
Email: [august11@holylandwaterbury.org](mailto:august11@holylandwaterbury.org) or  
Call 203-516-0649