



SATURDAY VIGIL - October 27

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - October 28

7:30 A.M. + Nancy Dooley
Requested by the Virginia Driscoll

10:00 A.M. + Erin Reynolds
Requested by her family

5:00 P.M. + Michael Grenier (13th anniversary)
Requested by his brother, Marcel & family

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass

TUESDAY - October 30

6:30 P.M. For Laurie Dwyer - Happy Birthday
Requested by Joan Kick

WEDNESDAY - October 31

8:00 A.M. + Frederick Beaulieu
Requested by John Farrell

All Saints Day

THURSDAY - November 1

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

6:30 P.M. + Steven "Denny" Golembeski
Requested by the Staff at St. Francis Xavier

All Souls Day

FRIDAY - November 2

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

SATURDAY VIGIL - November 3

5:00 P.M. Deceased members of the Maguire & Sullivan families
Requested by the Maguire family

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time


SUNDAY - November 4

7:30 A.M. + David J. Lynch
Requested by his family


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

5:00 P.M. + Steven "Denny" Golembeski
Requested by the Farrell family

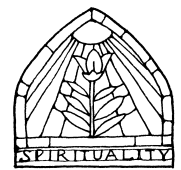
Note: Please contact the ushers at the back of Church; if the Mass is being said for your loved one and you wish to bring up the gifts! Thank you.



St. Francis sends a final farewell to our dearly departed:
Robert O. Grabner
Harvey E. Conn
James G. Broderick, IV
JoAnn Keane
Madeline Gale



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week burns in memory of The living & deceased members of the Confraternity of the Rosary at St. Francis Xavier on this their 107th year anniversary



The St. Francis Xavier Memorial Window is illuminated this week for David E. Lynch (50th anniversary)
Requested by Cindy Lynch

All Souls' Day
Each year during the month of November, the Church raises up before God the souls of all the faithful departed. In praying for the dead, the Church expresses her deep faith in the God who wills life for his people, the God who conquered the power of death through the cross and resurrection of Christ. We will be celebrating a special Mass of Remembrance in observance of All Souls' Day on Thursday, November 8th, at the 6:30 pm Mass. During this Mass, the names of all the faithful members who have died since last November will be read and a candle will be lit in their memory. We extend a special invitation to you who have lost a loved one during the past year to come, pray and remember with us. We hope you can join us that evening. If not, know that you and your loved ones will remain in our prayers that evening and all throughout the month of November. Indeed, prayers are offered at every Mass year round for the faithful departed. I ask God's blessings upon you that you will find comfort and consolation in this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Reverend Gerald Dziedzic
Pastor

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.

THANK YOU!

To the more than **38,100** generous donors have pledged over **\$9,622,000** to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, ***Our Faith, Our Future!***

It is only with **YOUR HELP** THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE Annual Appeal goal of **\$10 Million!** This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge - but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. For the third year in a row - Thanks to the generosity of the donors to the year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, ***Our Faith, Our Future,*** the Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over **\$1,000,000** in critical funding to over 200 local, community based, organizations. This funding provides support to families and individuals for life's basic necessities: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance and support. The Annual Appeal is one way to share our blessings and express thanks for the blessings with which God has graced us with our neighbors.

If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider, making your pledge or gift today. Every gift makes a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link ***Our Faith, Our Future,*** to learn more and make your pledge or gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st, 2018 towards this year's Appeal. We again assure you that 100% of the funds donated to Archbishop's Annual Appeal are distributed as published in the annual report. Not a single cent collected from donations to Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used for settlements of sex abuse cases or legal fees.

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.

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



OFFERTORY -	= \$4,744.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$260.92
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$260.92
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$4,222.08

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$2,176. You may stay connected year round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

THANK YOU!

The Confraternity of the Rosary would like to thank their members and the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Church for their very generous support at their bake sale this past weekend. It was a tremendous success. Again, many thanks and blessings to all.

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 860-355-2625
- Lectors** - Barbara Mullen 860-354-6436
- Music Ministers** - Tina Oviatt 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass,
*Christian Martirano 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Michael Fitch & Matt Williams 5:00 p.m. Sat. & Sun. Masses

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
- 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) (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

CLASSES WEEK OF: Nov. 4th

Sun., Nov. 4th 11:30am-1:00pm gr. K-8 & Conf.
 Sun., Nov. 4th 2:45-4:15pm gr. 2-8 & Conf.
 Mon., Nov. 5th 3:00 - 4:30 pm Confirmation
 Mon., Nov. 5th 6:30 - 8:00 pm grades 6-8
 *NO Classes Tues., 11/6 due to Election Day -
 no school - see below
 Wed., Nov. 7th 3:30 - 5:00 pm grades 3-5
 Wed., Nov. 7th 6:30 - 8:00 pm Confirmation
 *Tues., Nov. 13th 3:30 - 5:00 pm Grades 3-5
 *Tues., Nov. 13th 6:30 - 8:00 pm Grades 6-8

CLASSES WEEK OF: Nov. 18th

Sun., Nov. 18th 11:30am-1:00pm gr. K-8&Conf.
 Sun., Nov. 18th 2:45-4:15pm gr. 2-8 &Conf.
 **No classes Mon.-Wed. due to Thanksgiving
 **Mon., Nov. 26th 3:00-4:30 pm Confirmation
 **Mon., Nov. 26th 6:30-8:00 pm grades 6-8
 **Tues., Nov. 27th 3:30-5:00 pm grades 3-5
 **Tues., Nov. 27th 6:30-8:00 pm grades 6-8
 **Wed., Nov. 28th 3:30-5:00 pm grades 3-5
 **Wed., Nov. 28th 6:30-8:00 pm grades 6-8

MORE SAVE THE DATES:

Steubenville East 2019: ALL incoming 9th - 12th graders are invited to join the St. Francis Xavier group at UMASS, Lowell from July 12-14, 2019. An informational meeting was held, if you are interested in attending there is time. We will discuss with you payment planning and fundraising ideas. Call Sue if you would still like to attend or for more information at 860-354-5372.

Mission Trip to Haiti: Through Haiti 180 for all youth 15 years and older. Openings for a few adults as well. This trip will take place the week of July 23 -July 29, 2019. An information meeting was held, so to register please call Sue. She will discuss with you deposit requirements, travel requirements and other planning and fundraising ideas. Call her if you would still like to attend or for more information at 860-354-5372.

DESPERATELY SEEKING DONATIONS:

The Faith Formation classes need donations of apple juice and snacks (i.e. goldfish crackers, cheese its, pretzels or animal crackers). You may drop the items off in the Church hall or at the Parish Center. Thank you.

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.

VOLUNTEERS:

Teachers and assistants still needed for K-5:

Sunday - 2:45 - 4:15 pm

*the afternoon session ONLY will be multi age grade level classes

Second grade / Third Grade - 1 catechist

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

DESPERATELY SEEKING SUBSTITUTES:

If you can help teach or assist in a classroom on a:

Sunday 11:30 am - 1:00 or 2:45 - 4:15pm

Monday 3:00 -4:30 pm or 6:30-8:00 pm

Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm or 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm or 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Please call Jessica or Sue with your availability.

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

For all 2nd graders, the sacramental prep program is an Intergenerational Program (parents attend with their child) separate from religion classes. The LAST meeting time is on Thursdays (Nov. 8th) from 6-7pm at the Parish Center (school building). Attendance at all classes is mandatory to receive the sacrament. Please call Jessica with any concerns.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST CALL

Will be held on Tuesday, November 6th at 4:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church. EVERYONE will get a part or play a roll. Call Jessica Higgins with any questions at 860-354-5372. We will be looking for readers, singers, various characters - speaking and non speaking, etc. **Our annual Christmas Pageant will be presented on Saturday, December 1st at 1:30 pm. (please note this year the pageant is on Saturday).** If you cannot attend the cast call please let Jessica know and she will make arrangements with you to sign up your child. The rehearsal schedule is Mon., Nov. 19th & Nov. 26th at 5:30 pm. The dress rehearsal is Fri., Nov. 30th at 5:30 pm and the cast arrives on Sat., Dec. 1st at 1:00 pm to get ready for their performance. We are looking for a reception committee for our Pageant, please call Jessica if interested.

CHILD STUDENT DESKS & CHAIRS

We have 10 wood and metal classic student desks and chairs for FREE. They are available here at the Parish Center (school building). Please feel free to come by this coming week as we are open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9am - 8pm and Thursday 9am - 7pm. Call us if you have any questions.

Confraternity of the Rosary - Altar Duty Schedule

- Nov. 3 Joy Gaiser / Maura McPartland
- Nov. 10 Helen Manizza / Kathy Hyland
- Nov. 17 Jeanne Schuler / Maura McPartland
- Nov. 24 Patti Fisher / Sue Fisher
- Dec. 1 Jo DeCosa / Judy DeAlessio
- Dec. 8 Sally Adams / Jeanne Dingee
- Dec. 15 Joy Gaiser / Maura McPartland
- Dec. 22 Helen Manizza / Kathy Hyland
- Dec. 29 Jeanne Schuler / Maura McPartland

Wish List: Donations

- flat screen T.V.'s w/ remote
- electric pencil sharpeners
- DVD player with remote
- C.D. players - portable

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. Thank you.

Is God Calling You to Sing?

The 10:00 am choir is looking for more singers to join our choir! We need you! It is said that singing is praying twice. It is a plus if you can read music, but it is not essential. Men and women of St. Francis Xavier, God is calling you to praise Him through song. Contact Christian Martirano at 203-770-2467 (cell) or chrism@designsounds.com (email) for more information.

Warmest regards,
Christian

Spirit of Giving

Stuff-a-Senior-Bus Fundraiser. Help spread the Spirit of Giving by donating a gift to a New Milford Senior in need this Holiday Season! On Wednesday, October 31st from 9:00-11:00 am in the Walmart/Stop & Shop Plaza and 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm in the Big Y Plaza.

Senior gifting suggestions: gift cards for **area** grocery stores, clothing stores, or restaurants; gas cards; stamps; winter accessories.

For more information or if you would like to make a donation but cannot make the event, please call the New Milford Senior Center at 860-355-6075 or stop in at 40 Main St. New Milford.

VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

"We thank you for your service to our country!" On Saturday, November 3rd following the 5:00 p.m. Mass ALL Veterans and a spouse or guest, are invited to a dinner sponsored by our *LifeTeen/Confirmation high school students, in the Church Hall. Sign up sheets will be available in the Church Hall after all Masses.

For more information, please contact Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 or email her at spullen@sfxnewmilford.org. We would appreciate all to RSVP by October 30th.

P.S. *Volunteers please go to sign up genius and let us know where and how you will be helping out.
Thanks.

Library Vote: November 6th

The New Milford Library was last renovated in 1977. It is not ADA compliant, it has outgrown its space and the building is suffering from neglect. The purposed library renovation will be the first in 40 years. It will maintain the same footprint by adding a second floor over the 1977 addition. The additions will include a teen center, a Maker Space and 6 small meeting spaces. The Children's Library will increase in size and become wheelchair accessible. The original 1898 portion of the library will be restored and an adult reading room will be incorporated. All mechanicals will be updated and upgraded for maximum efficiency and the front entrance will be ADA accessible. This renovation will NOT increase taxes and will better serve the thousands of visitors our Library hosts throughout the year!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be having Eucharistic Adoration and **Pro Life Rosary** on Thursday, November 1st following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. All are welcome. Any questions please call Tommy Valedes at 860-488-3126.

Vocation Reflection

Your are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Let us pray for an increase to the vocation of priesthood and for the priests who serve us. If you are called to discern a vocation to priesthood or religious life, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

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SAINT ANN CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm to be held at St. Francis De Sales Church / St. Ann Church at 215 West St. Bristol, CT 50+ varied craft tables, food and fun. Free admission, ample parking, handicap accessible