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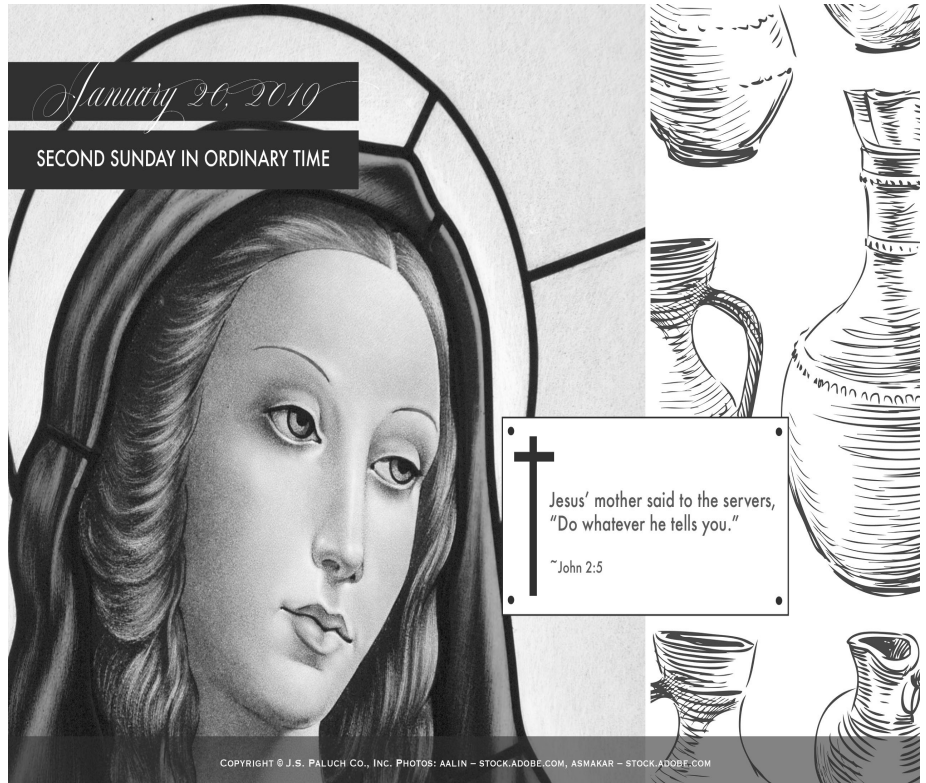
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# St. Francis Xavier Parish



*January 20, 2019*  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENTS  
CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.  
\*Additional Confessions on the First Saturday of the month  
from 12:00 noon - 1:00 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 - January 19**

5:00 P.M. + Lillian Gilles (birthday)  
Requested by her sister & family  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - January 20**

7:30 A.M. + Donald S. Hallas  
Requested by Caroline & Bill Pearson & family

10:00 A.M. + Renaud Castonguay  
Requested by Tommy & Cathy Valedes

5:00 P.M. + Mary Angelic Harris  
Requested by her grandchildren

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass**

**TUESDAY - January 22**

6:30 P.M. + Aida Montanez  
Requested by Martin Bohdan

**WEDNESDAY - January 23**

8:00 A.M. Special Intentions for the  
Carusillo family & for peace &  
prosperity in the U.S.A.  
Requested by Lori Carusillo

**THURSDAY - January 24**

6:30 P.M. Special Intentions for Michael & Nora  
Gray  
Requested by A.V. Gray

**FRIDAY - January 25**

8:00 A.M. Special Intentions for Michael & Nora  
Gray  
Requested by A.V. Gray

**SATURDAY VIGIL - January 26**

5:00 P.M. + Holly Burgess  
Requested by Dave & Nancy Lynch &  
family  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - January 27**

7:30 A.M. + Neil Gray  
Requested by A.V. Gray

10:00 A.M. + Nancy & John Valedes  
Requested by Tom & Cathy Valedes

5:00 P.M. + Virginia Klingner  
Requested by the Lifeteen group



St. Francis sends a final  
farewell  
to our dearly departed:  
Paul Gonnelli, Jr.  
Rosalind D. Pricola  
John "Jack" Layfayette Sweeney



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week  
burns in memory of  
Helena Fernandea  
Requested by  
Her daughter, Luisa & family

registration



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Registration and Open House for Holy Infant Nursery School for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Monday, February 25th from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be a non-refundable registration fee. Parents of alumni please call 860-354-7284 before February 22, 2019 if you wish to register your child.

\*Snow date for registration is Wednesday, February 27, 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**CLOSED**

The Church, Bookkeeping and Faith Formation offices, as well as Holy Infant Nursery School will be closed on Monday, January 21st due to Martin Luther King, Jr. day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 22nd at 9:00 a.m. Please feel free to leave messages on the answering machine.

**JOB POSTING:**

Coordinator of Religious Education for grades K-5  
St. Francis Xavier - New Milford, CT

This position is a deeply rewarding opportunity to help guide and teach the children and their families in their Faith Formation development. This is a part-time position of 20 hours. This position does involve weekday, weeknight and weekend hours. The successful candidate needs to be a practicing Catholic having received all their sacraments, and if not already will have to complete a Protecting God's Children course, as well as a background check. A love of children, solid organizational skills and a deep desire to share your faith are vital.

If you would like more information please contact Chris Grenier at 860-354-2202 or cgrenier@sfxnewmilford.org  
**P.S. This position is open due to Jessica's move out of state.**

**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!**

**2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

Thanks to the generosity of its donors, the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Our Faith, Our Future*, raised over \$10,090,100, surpassing the goal for the 2018 Appeal of \$10 million.

Donations to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal enabled the Archdiocese of Hartford through its Vicariate Outreach Program to provide more than **one million** dollars of financial assistance to over **200** local charities for the third consecutive year. This funding provided support to families and individuals in need of life's basic necessities: warm meals, groceries, a place to sleep, and a place to turn for guidance and counseling. Essentially, the Appeal reaches out to the various communities in the archdiocese, assisting thousands of people rebuild their lives with compassion and dignity.

The Appeal also provides tuition assistance to Catholic students; support for faith formation; and seminarian programs; assistance to the Malta House of Care mobile health clinics in Hartford and Waterbury that treat patients who are uninsured; and the Emergency Assistance Program that is made possible through parishes and administered by Catholic Charities

By supporting the ministries of the Church, donors send out a strong, spiritual message of faith, hope, and charity that allows the archdiocese to respond to the needs of people in Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury and Litchfield Counties, regardless of race, religion, or color.

Every donation contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal-impact-2/](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal-impact-2/).

Appeal funds are never used for legal fees or settlements.

**DONATION TAX STATEMENTS:**

If you use the parish envelope system and would like a printout of your yearly donations for 2018, please call Chris in the Parish office at 860-354-2202 or email me a [cgrenier@sfxnewmilford.org](mailto:cgrenier@sfxnewmilford.org). Please remember to include your name (with spelling), address where to be mailed and your envelope number. 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.

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION:** will benefit: Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools



**Sacrificial Giving**

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OFFERTORY -	= \$4,175.00
5 ½ % CATHEDRATICUM	= \$229.63
5 ½ % CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	= \$229.63
ST. FRANCIS' SHARE	= \$3,715.74

**Retirement Fund for Religious - Thank you**

On behalf of all the retired Religious Priests, Sisters and Brothers serving in the Archdiocese of Hartford, I wish to offer my sincere and enthusiastic "Thank you!"

Your donation to the Retirement Fund Annual Appeal this year will continue to assist retired religious - those who taught in our schools, who served in our parishes and hospitals and who give of their talent in countless programs and ministries in our Church throughout the area.

The funds collected will be distributed through grants to help with the rising costs of retirement and health care.

Know that the needs and intentions of your parish will be remembered in our prayers.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

St. Mariette Moan, ASCJ - Vicar for Religious  
Archdiocese of Hartford

**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 914-912-1432 or 860-488-3126

**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

**TEEN** (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: Jan. 27th**

Sun., Jan. 27th	11:30am-1:00pm	K-Confirm.
Sun., Jan. 27th	2:45-4:15pm	gr. 2-Confirm.
Mon., Jan. 28th	3:00-4:30pm	Confirm.
Mon., Jan. 28th	6:30-8:00pm	gr. 6-8
Tues., Jan. 29th	3:30-5:00pm	gr. K-2
Tues., Jan. 29th	6:30-8:00pm	gr. 6-8
Wed., Jan. 30th	3:30-5:00pm	gr. 3-5
Wed., Jan. 30th	6:30-8:00pm	Confirm.

**CLASSES WEEK OF: Feb. 10th**

Sun., Feb. 10th	11:30am-1:00pm	K-Conf.
Sun., Feb. 10th	2:45-4:15pm	gr.2-Confirm.
Mon., Feb. 11th	3:00-4:30pm	Confirm.
Mon., Feb. 11th	6:30-8:00pm	gr. 6-8
Tues., Feb. 12th	3:30-5:00pm	gr. K-2
Tues., Feb. 12th	6:30-8:00pm	gr. 6-8
Wed., Feb. 13th	3:30-5:00pm	gr. 3-5
Wed., Feb. 13th	6:30-8:00pm	Confirm.

**SNACKS**

The Faith Formation program is in need of snacks. We need apple juice, pretzels, goldfish crackers and animal crackers. Please make sure none of these items contain nuts. Thank you for your generosity, please drop these off at the school building or leave in the Church hall clearly marked for Faith Formation.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish  
BAD WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY  
2018-2019**

As winter approaches, the following policy is in place for delays/cancellations of parish activities, etc.

If school is cancelled, all parish functions are cancelled except MASS. For grades K-10, each class will be allowed two snow days for the year. The lessons missed in classes K-8 will be given out at their next class and then completed at home and brought to their next class. We will notify you if it becomes necessary to makeup additional snow days.

If school is delayed (e.g. delayed 3 hours or less), afternoon functions such as Faith Formation classes, evening meetings/ events will still take place at their regular time.

This policy does NOT affect Sunday Masses or Masses on Holy Days of Obligation, unless the Governor declares a State of Emergency.

MASS will always be at the regularly scheduled time. Please use your discretion in inclement weather.

For information about school closings and delays, please check our app or our facebook page or watch your local Connecticut T.V. news stations to receive notifications and/or cancellation information. When possible we'll also send out text/emails, but the very best way to be notified immediately is with the Parish App. If you have not signed up please so go right now by texting App to 88202 for the download.

Thank you and God bless,

Fr. Gerry, Fr. Chacko, Deacon Roland, Deacon Al, Chris, Sue and Jessica

**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.**

**WE HAVE A DATE!!**

St. Francis Xavier, New Milford: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Saturday, June 1st, at 10:00 a.m., by **Bishop Juan M. Betancourt, SEMV, with Mass.**

**First Communion**

The First Communion Preparation classes have begun. The dates are Thurs., Jan. 31st, Feb. 14th, Feb. 28th and March 7th. All classes are from 6-7pm at the Parish Center.

**“Tremendous Teens” part 2**

As promised, I will keep the parish updated periodically on the good works of our teens. As I explained to our teens the purpose of this update is to lift up our parishioners and share the good news of Christ’s movement in the teens.

Just before Christmas we had a very special evening of caroling with residents at Candlewood Valley Rehab. A group of teens dressed in costumes such as a candy cane, snowman, Christmas tree and elves and helped spread joy around the rehab. We all had fun!!

Another group of teens prepared a soup/bread surprise for people staying at the Homeless Shelter one evening; while two more groups of teens made sandwiches for people to have during their day.

We had over 24 young people (some families too) help us decorate the parish center for a Christmas surprise on Christmas Eve. They decked the halls, filled the stockings, shared treats, made cards and prayed for people having to seek shelter.

Two more teens managed a gift wrapping service during Advent and donated proceeds to Camella’s Cupboard (families in need of food). Several other teens are involved in an inclusion program at the N.M.H.S. called United.

Last but not least...thank you to all the awesome, young altar servers. You do such a beautiful job serving our Church.

Keep shining His light everyone!!

Sue Pullen

**SUBSTITUTES**

Adults and teens are you able to help substitute teach or assist in a Faith Formation classroom on a:

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

Monday from 3:00 - 4:30 pm OR 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm OR 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm OR 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Please call Sue or Jessica with your availability.

**Child Student Desks & Chairs**

We have wood and metal classic student desks (3) and chairs (7) 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 - Wednesday this week 9:00 am - 8:00 pm and Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Call the office with questions.



**WHEELS PROGRAM OF GREATER NEW MILFORD**

Hello Friends, The Wheels Program is looking for volunteer bus drivers. The WHEELS Program of Greater New Milford is a nonprofit organization that provides donation-based rides for seniors and citizens with disabilities to their non-emergency medical appointments. We are in need of volunteer drivers for our wheelchair accessible bus to drive within the greater New Milford area. A standard CT license is all you need. A few hours a week can make a big difference in someone's life. If interested, or for more information please call or email me. Thank you. Thea Gruber Program Coordinator nmwheelsthea@hotmail.com or 860-354-6012

**MANY THANKS**

As a reminder...Bridget Wickiser came to St. Francis Xavier in August and played a duet with her sister, Anna during all the Masses. After Mass she explained about the gap year she was taking in Ecuador. She is at an indigenous farm in a remote region, three hours north of the capital, Quito. She teaches English two days a week and gym on two more days. Fridays she goes to Spanish speaking classes. Her home there is very sparse. They have no oven (but chickens), so on Christmas Day she cooked hamburger for the family! She helps the family gather produce from their farm and then takes it to market to sell. Her host mother, Nellie, has started a women's co-operative. Women buy from other women at the markets. Bridget also gathers the livestock with the help of the family dogs and horse. Parishioners responded generously to here requested for support. She is grateful for the opportunity to experience this eye opening experience. It will be life changing for her. Many thanks again.

**January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month**

Since 2008, there have been over 846 referrals to DCF for suspected cases of domestic minor sex trafficking in CT. Few sex crimes are more abhorrent than child trafficking. Trafficking can involve school-age youth, particularly those made vulnerable by challenging family situations, and can take a variety of forms including forced labor, domestic servitude, and commercial sexual exploitation. The children at risk are not just high school students-pimps or traffickers are known to prey on victims as young as 9. Traffickers may target minor victims through social media websites, telephone chat-lines, after-school programs, at shopping malls and bus depots, in clubs, or through friends or acquaintances who recruit students on school campuses. To learn the signs visit: <http://www.catholissocialjustice.org/human-trafficking.html>

**Vocation Reflection**

The water transformed into wine at Cana shows how God gives his consent to our happiness. This was the first of Christ's miracles, the beginning of his signs. Do you believe you have a sign that He wants you as a priest or religious? Call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456 ore e-mail [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

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.



**ONLINE GIVING**

St. Francis Xavier offers the opportunity to give your weekly donations through online giving. Please go to our website: [www.sfxnewmilford.org](http://www.sfxnewmilford.org) or use the APP and follow the links to set up your personal account. Please call Jocelyne Verrastro, our bookkeeper at 860-350-6753 f you have any questions or problems

**Items for the Missions**

If you have any of the following items: rosaries, prayer cards, medals, small religious books, Bibles, etc. to send to the missions, please contact Judy at 860-354-7254 or leave the items at Church clearly marked as a donation for the Missions.

**Looking for a Volunteer Recruiter for St. Francis Xavier:**

We are looking for a volunteer to represent St. Francis Xavier in the event of a public health emergency. This person would be responsible for gathering a list of volunteers and working with the local health department should the need arise. You would be responsible as the main point of contact and keeping the list current and specific. You would also need to set up a few sign up weekends following Mass, where one would fill out a form for volunteering, etc. If interested in this position or for further information please call the office.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

If you would like more information about becoming an E.M., please contact Deacon Al Gambone at 860-946-9776 or email [Alfred.gambone@gmail.com](mailto:Alfred.gambone@gmail.com)

**Altar Server**

We are looking for Altar Servers for ALL the Masses, if you have made your First Communion, please consider becoming an Altar Server. We need YOU!! Contact Mr. Pete Tagley at 860-868-7821.

**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.