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# St. Francis Xavier Parish

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you,  
pray for those who mistreat you.

- Luke 6:27



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#### 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 - February 23**

5:00 P.M. + Emilio Olabarrieta  
Requested by his wife

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - February 24**

7:30 A.M. Living & deceased members of the  
Shugrue & Brennan families  
Requested by the Shugrue family

10:00 A.M. + Jim Latoni  
Requested by the Pearl family

5:00 P.M. + Neil Gray  
Requested by A. V. Gray

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass**

**TUESDAY - February 26**

6:30 P.M. + John J. Haran, Sr.  
Requested by Jo DeCosa

**WEDNESDAY - February 27**

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

**THURSDAY - February 28**

6:30 P.M. Living & deceased members of the  
DeAlessio & Martin families  
Requested by the DeAlessio family

**FRIDAY - March 1**

8:00 A.M. + Allison Knieriemen  
Requested by the Pearl Family

**SATURDAY VIGIL - March 2**

5:00 P.M. + Emilio Olabarrieta  
Requested by his wife

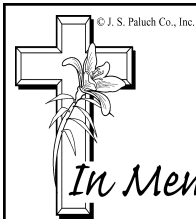
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - March 3**

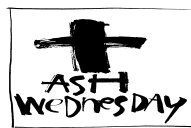
7:30 A.M. + Joseph Samoska Sr.  
Requested by his son & wife, Anne

10:00 A.M. + Iovino & Saliani families  
Requested by Tom & Cathy Valedes

5:00 P.M. + Neil Gray  
Requested by A. V. Gray



St. Francis sends a final  
farewell  
to our dearly departed:  
Hilde Eng  
Chris Buczek  
Rachel Loewe Rowland



Wed., March 6th is Ash Wednesday  
The schedule at **St. Francis Xavier** is:  
8:00 am Mass with Ashes  
4:00 pm Service with Ashes  
6:30 pm Mass with Ashes

At **Our Lady of the Lakes** it is:  
9:00 am Mass with Ashes  
6:00 pm Mass with Ashes

9:30 am - 2:00 pm Ashes will be given out at their office



**Confessions:**

Every Monday: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (beg. March 11th)

Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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

\* please go to [ConfessionMondays.com](http://ConfessionMondays.com) to find additional times  
at other Churches during Lent

**Stations of the Cross:**

Every Friday: 7:00 p.m.

**Church Regulations on Fast and Abstinence**

**Fridays in Lent - Days of Abstinence**

On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten at all. This also includes items made from meat, like gravies and soups. Catholics 14 years of age or older are bound to abstinence on Fridays in Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. REMEMBER: THERE IS NO UPPER AGE LIMIT ON ABSTINENCE. You are not excused from abstaining from meat if you have reached a certain age. However, those who have health issues which prevent them from abstaining from meat on these days should seek other forms of penance.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE AND FASTING. Fasting and abstinence are not the same. Fasting is different than abstinence. Fasting means one full meal, two light meals, with no eating in between meals.

Catholics from 18 to 59 are bound to the obligation of fasting. Those who have health issues may find other means of penance if fasting is impossible.

**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!**

**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.

registration



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Registration and Open House for Holy Infant Nursery School for the 2019-2020 school year will be held **tomorrow**, Mon., Feb., 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 Feb., 22, 2019 if you wish to register your child.  
 \*Snow date for registration is Wed., Feb., 27, 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**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. Please remember to include your name (with spelling), address where to be mailed and your envelope number. Thank you.

**ONLINE GIVING**

St. Francis Xavier offers the opportunity to give your weekly donations through online giving. Please go to our website: 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 if you have any questions or problems

**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)



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OFFERTORY - = \$3,901.00

**CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY ALTAR DUTY / SCHEDULE**

March 1	Patti Fisher / Sue Fisher
March 8	Jo DeCosa / Judy DeAlessio
March 15	Charlene Palmisani / Jeanne Dingee
March 22	Joy Gaiser / Maura McPartland
March 29	Helen Manizza / Kathy Hyland
April 5	Jeanne Schuler / Maura McPartland
April 12	Patti Fisher / Sue Fisher
April 19	Jo DeCosa / Judy DeAlessio

**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 debhmcl@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** -
- 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: February 24th**

Sun., Feb. 24th	11:30am-1:00pm	K-Conf.
Sun., Feb. 24th	2:45-4:15pm	gr. 2-Confirm.
Mon., Feb. 25th	3:00-4:30pm	Confirm.
Mon., Feb. 25th	6:30-8:00pm	gr. 6-8
Tues., Feb. 26th	3:30-5:00pm	gr. K-2
Tues., Feb. 26th	6:30-8:00pm	gr. 6-8
Wed., Feb. 27th	3:30-5:00pm	gr. 3-5
Wed., Feb. 27th	6:30-8:00pm	Confirm.

**CLASSES WEEK OF: March 3rd**

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

**CHILD LURES & TEEN LURES**

The Child Lures and Teen Lures will be presented to ALL students in our program. The dates we will presenting the program at the Parish Center are:

- Sunday, March 3rd for grades K-5 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Sunday, March 3rd for grades 6-8 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Sunday, March 3rd for grades 2-3 2:45 - 4:15 pm
- Sunday, March 3rd for grades 6-8 2:45 - 4: 15 pm
- Monday, March 4th for grades 6-8 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 5th for grades K-2 3:30 - 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 5th for grades 6-8 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 6th for grades 3-5 3:30 - 5:00 pm
- Monday, March 25th for grades 9&10 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 27th for grades 9&10 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Sunday, March 31st for grades 9&10 11:30am - 1:00 pm
- Sunday, March 31st for grades 9&10 2:45 - 4:15 pm

\*Note these programs will be presented during the students regular class time.

Thank you for helping us keep your children as safe as possible. Please feel free to contact Jessica for grades K-5 or Sue for grades 6-10 should you have any questions or concerns.

**St. Francis Xavier High School Community  
(All 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th graders)**

Will be having a movie night, Sun., 2/24 following the 5pm Mass. "I Can Only Imagine", the inspiring and unknown true story behind Mercy Me's beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness. Dinner is baked ziti, salad and dessert. Parent pick up is 8:15pm. Any questions call Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 or email spullen@sfxnewmilford.org

**WE HAVE A DATE!!**

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

**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.**

**First Communion**

The First Communion Preparation classes have begun. The remaining dates are Thurs., Feb. 28th and March 7th. All classes are from 6-7pm at the **Parish Center**. Classes begin promptly at 6:00 pm, please be on time .

Thank you.  
 ALSO: Mark your calendars with the First Communion Retreat date: It is Sat., 3/16 from 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Parish Center (school building). You must bring a wallet size photo of your child. Snacks will be served, please let us know if you would like to donate baked goods and or a special treat and or juice boxes or the children.

Any questions call the office. Thanks again.

**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, early dismissal or cancellation of after school activities, 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.

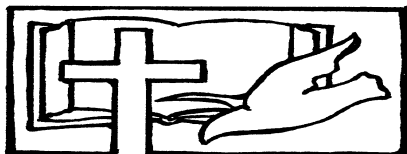
Thank you and God bless,  
 Fr. Gerry, Fr. Chacko, Deacon Roland, Deacon Al, Chris, Sue and Jessica



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# FAITH FORMATION



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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 20-25 hours. This position does involve regular weekday, some weeknight and some 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](mailto:cgrenier@sfxnewmilford.org)  
P.S. This position is open due to Jessica having to move out of state to care for her parents.

### Encounter The Shroud of Turin Up-Close and Personal

Experience the mystery with a life-size museum quality replica. Explore the Shroud of Turin with international expert Russ Breault. On Sat., March 9 at 2:30 pm at the Parish Center Great Hall at Saint Therese Parish 120 West Granby Rd., Granby. \$5 per person. Admittance with ticket only. NO walk-ins allowed. Seating is limited to first 250 respondents. For ticket information, email [DK-CHURCH@ATT.NET](mailto:DK-CHURCH@ATT.NET)

### Office of Education, Evangelization & Catechesis (OECC)

Celebration of Sacred Scripture

Topic: And God Said What? Engaging Puzzling Texts in the Bible .

Dr. Margaret Nutting Ralph of Kentucky Theological Seminary will lead us through literary criticism as an indispensable tool for understanding the Bible.

11:00 am Mass\*

12:00 sign in/coffee

12:30 And God Said What?

When: Saturday, March 9th Where: The Pastoral Center, 467Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT

\*NEW! Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV will celebrate Mass in advance of the presentation in the Pastoral Center's St. Thomas Chapel.

There is no charge for this event, but registration is required to attend the presentation. To register, go to

<https://oeec.typeform.com/to/C6kqUg>.

A free-will offering will be accepted.

For more information go to [www.catholicedaohct.org](http://www.catholicedaohct.org) or contact the Catholic Biblical School Director at [catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org) or 860-242-5573.

### Confraternity of the Rosary

The St. Francis Xavier Confraternity of the Rosary monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 4th at 12:00 noon in the St. Francis Xavier Church Hall. In honor of St. Patrick's Day we will be entertained with Irish music and we are sure it will make your feet tap. Please join us and bring a friend. Bring a lunch, coffee and to be sure Irish soda bread will be served. Look forward to seeing you. Any questions please contact Maura McPartland at 860-354-4054.

### "40 CANS IN 40 DAYS"

The Knights of Columbus Council 40 is sponsoring a "40 Cans in 40 Days" food drive during LENT. This drive is starting this weekend and will continue through Easter. Each family is asked to donate 40 cans of nonperishable food during this season. There will be a container or two in the back of the Church where this food can be dropped off. Donations will also be accepted at the Parish Center in the office where a container will be available. All of the donated food will be given to the Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen, which benefits so many in need year round.

This is part of the nationwide Knights of Columbus Food For Families initiative. Since 2012, the Knights have collected nationally more than 21.5 million pounds of food and \$10.7 million in donations to ensure that families in our local communities have adequate access to nutritious food.

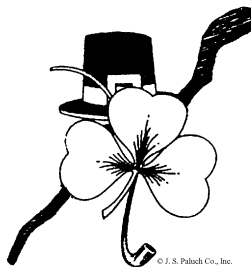
Last year St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of the Lakes donated 2354 pounds of non-perishable food and \$110. Thank you to everyone for your anticipated participation.

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

Our local Knights of Columbus will begin selling tickets for the State Council Knights of Columbus after the Sunday 7:30 & 10:00 am Masses only. There are 10 prizes to be awarded: 1st prize is \$5,000 in varying amounts down to 10th prize is \$200. Ticket price is \$10 each. Winner need not be present to win. The drawing will be held on Fri., April 26th at 9:00 pm in Hartford, CT. Any questions please contact Dan Sullivan at 860-354-4913.



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### You're Invited!

Join us to celebrate the Archbishop's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast on Friday, March 15th from 7:30 - 9:00 am at the Connecticut Convention Center 100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford. Guest speaker is award-winning Irish Humorist, Motivational Speaker and Author Conor Cunneen. Come enjoy the festivities while supporting Catholic school students. For tickets and sponsorship information call 860-761-7499 or visit [FACSHartford.org/st-patrick/](http://FACSHartford.org/st-patrick/).