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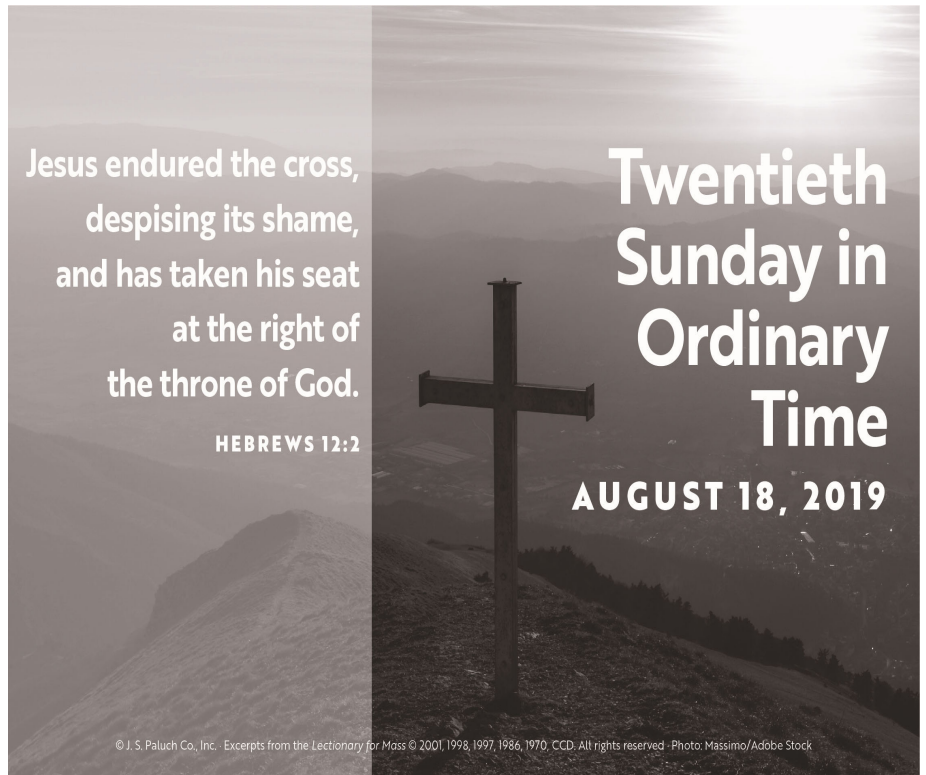
St. Francis Xavier Parish

Jesus endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat
at the right of
the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

Twentieth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

AUGUST 18, 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.
(Note: there will be NO 5pm Mass Sundays during August;
Sunday, September 1st the 5:00 p.m. Mass returns)
Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday and 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 - August 17

5:00 P.M. + Amerigo P. Capodieci
 (2nd Anniversary)
 Requested by his wife, Rita; his daughter,
 Lynne Sausto & family

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - August 18

7:30 A.M. + James (Jim) Faure (7th Anniversary)
 Requested by his wife & family

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

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass

Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

TUESDAY - August 20

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

Saint Pius X, Pope

WEDNESDAY - August 21

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

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THURSDAY - August 22

6:30 P.M. + Neil Gray
 Requested by A.V. Gray

FRIDAY - August 23

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

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

SATURDAY VIGIL - August 24


5:00 P.M. + Pvt. Eugene Matts (75 anniversary)
 Requested by Jo DeCosa

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - August 25

7:30 A.M. + Brian Miller
 Requested by his dad & mom


10:00 A.M. + Antonio Dispensa
 Requested by Rosa & Theresa & kids



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St. Francis sends a final
 farewell
 to our dearly departed:
 Martin Lillis
 Barbara Brinton
 Catherine M. Deross
 Robert C. Cerrato, III

In Memoriam



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

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.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY
 The St. Francis Xavier Confraternity of the Rosary will be
 holding their first monthly meeting after their summer
 break on Monday, August 26th at 12:00 noon in the
 Church hall. All women of the Parish are cordially
 invited to attend and we ask that our members please
 bring a potluck dish to share. Coffee and cake will be
 served. We hope you had a very peaceful and relaxing
 summer and we look forward to seeing many new faces.

WE are still collecting 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 drop them off at the Church
 or the parish office or contact Judy at
 860-354-7254.

REMINDER:
 There will be **NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays during
 the month of August.**
 The Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass will return on Sept. 1st

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

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

It is not too late to join your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal!! All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2019 towards this year's Appeal. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link ***Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations***, to learn more and make your gift today.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

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 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 Verrastro, 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.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION will benefit: St. Francis Xavier Faith Formation



Sacrificial Giving

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OFFERTORY -

= \$4,331.00

Now is the time to enroll in the Catholic Biblical School! Classes begin after Labor Day in the following locations:

Tuesday evenings in Hamden
Thursday evenings in Southington
Saturday mornings in Bloomfield

For more information contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis (OEEC) today: catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org 860-242-5573

SOCIETIES/MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Pastoral Council President - Christine Zona 860-210-7892

Liturgical Ministries:

Altar Servers - Peter Tagley 860-868-7821

Children's Liturgy - Julie Pokrinchak 860-354-2202

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 - Frank Greco 860-799-5148

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 debmcl@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Jo DeCosa 860-355-0342

Pro-Life Ministry -

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 Pullen 860-354-2202

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 -

Cub Scout Pack 66 - Chairman - Robert Oram 203-942-1254

Cub Master - Kevin Ford - 860-350-2193

Sunday 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

4th grade Catechist

10th grade *Catechist

(*these teenagers are preparing for their Confirmation; please consider helping them with this sacred sacrament)

Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm

6th grade Catechist and Assistant

Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm

1st grade Catechist and Assistant

2nd grade *Catechist and *Assistant

(*these children are preparing for their First Confession; please consider helping them with this beautiful sacrament)

Wednesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm

4th grade 2 Catechist and 1 Assistant

5th grade Catechist and Assistant

Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 pm

7th grade Catechist and Assistant

8th grade Assistant

Please call **Mary Elizabeth Barta** for further information regarding teaching or assisting for **grades K-5** and please call **Sue Pullen** regarding teaching or assisting for **grades 6-10**.

Please make note that we will also have a mandatory Catechist / Assistant **training** for ALL new and repeating, as well as parents who are choosing to home school to attend, so that all understand and all are on the same page with our programs. The date for the training program for grades K-8 will be Wednesday, September 4th choose either 10:00 - 11:00 am OR 6:30 - 7:30 pm; for grade 9 7:30 - 8:30 pm and for grade 10 Thursday, September 5 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. These will be held at the Parish Center.

2019-2020 Registration for the Faith Formation year **WAS** held., for all grades Kindergarten through grade 10 (Confirmation). We are still accepting registrations, please come to the office during regular hours to do so. We cannot guarantee class choices. **LATE FEES WILL NOW BE ADDED TO EXISTING FAMILIES NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED!! (this does not apply to new families).**

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.

Protecting God's Children

We will have a Protecting God's Children course on Tuesday, September 10th from 10am - 12:30 pm OR 6:30 - 9:00 pm. This is a mandatory course for ALL volunteers in the Church. (This is only for those who have NOT taken this course already). It is a training program to help us keep our children and vulnerable adults safe. This course will be held at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center and be presented by Sue Pullen. Please register at the Faith Formation Office or go online to VIRTUS and register there. Any questions please call Sue in the office.

IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE:

*Parent Orientation (*student attends also) for Confirmation Year 1 and 2 (grades 9 & 10) is Sun., Sept. 8th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Church (includes Mass).

Parent Orientation for grades K - 8 following the 10:00 am Mass and the 5:00 pm Mass (choose either), but you must attend one at the Church, is Sun., Sept. 8th.

First day of class for grades K - 9 Sunday, September 15th 11:30 am - 1:00 p.m.

First day of class for grades 6 - 9 Monday, September 16th 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

First day of class for grades K - 2 Tuesday, September 17th 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

First day of class for grades 3 - 5 Wednesday, September 18th 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

First day of class for grades 6 -9 Wednesday, September 18th 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

First day of class for grade 10 Sunday, September 22nd 11:30 am - 1:00 p.m.

First day of class for grade 10 Monday, September 23rd 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

First day of class for grade 10 Wednesday, September 25 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



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The St. Francis Xavier Community Garden Ministry wishes to thank **Kimberly Farm** for their very generous donation of fertilizer for the garden and **COSMOS** for their generous donation of plants for the garden.

Because of both of them we have had a bumper crop of vegetables to donate to Loaves & Fishes. And the volunteers of Loaves & Fishes as well as the guests have also expressed their thanks for the fresh vegetables.

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HOLY INFANT NURSERY SCHOOL

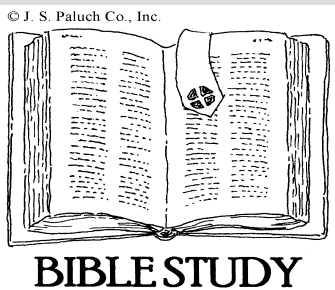
STILL HAS OPENINGS IN THE MORNING THREE YEAR OLD PROGRAM FOR THE 2019-2020. PROGRAM HOURS ARE 9:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. CHILDREN MUST BE THREE YEARS OF AGE BY DECEMBER 31ST, 2019.

FOR INFO PLEASE CALL 860-354-7284.

Confraternity of the Rosary - Altar Duty Schedule

Aug. 15 - 17	Jo DeCosa / Judy DeAlessio
Aug. 22 - 24	Sally Adams / Jeanne Dingee
Aug. 29 - 31	Joy Gaiser / Maura McPartland
Sept. 5 - 7	Helen Manizza / Kathy Hyland
Sept. 12 - 14	Jeanne Schuler / Maura McPartland
Sept. 19 - 21	Patti Fisher / Sue Fisher
Sept. 26 - 28	Jo DeCosa / Judy DeAlessio

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.



WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

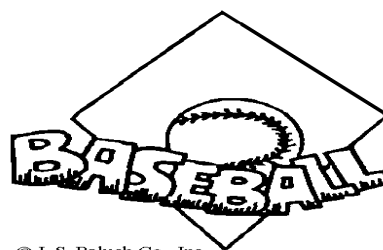
Maura Pauli will offer a 12 week Bible Study in two 6 week sessions this fall to include women of the Old Testament and of the New Testament. It will focus on the unique role women have played in God's plan of salvation. The stories of the women will provide an opportunity to examine how they have responded to problems and struggles in their culture and to consider how their faith responses might apply to our lives today.

Part 1 Women of the Old Testament will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29 OR Thursday afternoons from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17 & 10/24.

There is no cost for the program. Participants are to bring their own Bibles to class. Sign up by calling the Parish office at 860-354-2202, if there is no answer please leave your name and phone number and session you wish to attend.

Part 2 Women of the New Testament will start in November. Sign up will be in October. More details to come.

The Knights of Columbus Council #40 will hold it's business meeting on the 1st **THURSDAY** of every month at St. Francis Xavier Church Hall at 7:30 p.m. and it's social meeting on the 3rd **THURSDAY** of every month, same time, same place.



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Our Knights of Columbus Council #40 are sponsoring a benefit baseball game for the sound system here at St. Francis Xavier. Tickets are \$23 and are on sale after all the Masses.

The tickets are field box seats for the Hartford Yard Goats and the game is Sunday, August 25th at 1:00 p.m. Any questions please contact Gene Calarco 860-355-3572.

Vocation Reflection

Following Jesus sometimes means being rejected by others. Speak an encouraging word this week to someone you know who is trying to follow Jesus through the fire. Say a prayer for those who are discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Ask them to 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.

**Archdiocese of Hartford
2019 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Set the World Ablaze!

November 9th

Northwest Catholic High School (West Hartford)

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm "Coffee and" and lunch are included

Keynote: Sarah Hart

For information on workshop, spiritual workshops and registration information go to:

<https://catholicedaohct.org/programs/archdiocesan:women-s-conference>