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St. Francis Xavier Parish



HEBREWS 12:22

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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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 - August 31

5:00 P.M. + Deceased members of the Toranto & Brucas families
Requested by their families

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - September 1

7:30 A.M. + Wilma Sharples
Requested by the Kersten family

10:00 A.M. + Frederick Beaulieu (1st anniversary)
Requested by the St. Francis Xavier Staff & friends

5:00 P.M. + Mary Frigault
Requested by the Cyr family

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass

TUESDAY - September 3

6:30 P.M. + Catherine & Raymond Rebholz
Requested by Dorothy Stewart

WEDNESDAY - September 4

8:00 A.M. For the living & deceased members of the Shugrue & Brennan families
Requested by the Shugrue family

THURSDAY - September 5

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

FRIDAY - September 6

8:00 A.M. + Neil Gray
Requested by A.V. Gray

SATURDAY VIGIL - September 7

5:00 P.M. + The Maguire & Jennings families
Requested by the Maguire family

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - September 8

7:30 A.M. + Dale Brant
Requested by Noreen Brady

10:00 A.M. + Eusebio Uy
Requested by the Garcia family

5:00 P.M. + Marie Kolak
Requested by Patti & Bob Fisher & family



St. Francis sends a final farewell
to our dearly departed:
John Jonke
Edward Malvey
Roland Martel
Christopher Florio



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week
burns in memory of
Amedeo Babore
(2nd anniversary)
Requested by

Claudia, Michael, Tyler & Isabella Pilch



II Timothy Corkery and Katrina Brennan

The Women's Guild Craft Fair

The St. Francis Xavier Women's Guild is looking for a few more vendors for the Holiday Fair on Saturday, 11/23 and Sunday, 11/24. Table space is \$20.00 and we are requesting a donation for the Youth Group. Anyone who is interested, please contact Ellen Cote at 860-354-5883 and leave a message or email ebcote@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

Note: The St. Francis Xavier Parish Office and Faith Formation Office and Bookkeeping and Cemetery offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. All the offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

**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 Annual 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/>. Not 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:



Sacrificial Giving

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OFFERTORY - = \$3,484.00
Faith Formation - = \$1,372.00

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Our 2019-2020 St. Francis Xavier Parish Council will meet on Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like brought up, please let us know by calling the office or you can come to the meeting in person, but either way we need to know so that we can put you or your questions or concerns on the agenda. All are welcome to be heard.

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 debhmc1@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

DONATIONS:

We are in NEED of donations of apple juice, goldfish crackers, cheese it crackers, pretzels and animal crackers. Please leave in the Church Hall or you may drop them off at the Parish Center offices. Thank you!!

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.

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.

**Sunday 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

4th grade Catechist

8th grade Catechist

Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm

6th grade Catechist

8th grade Catechist and Assistant

Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Kindergarten Catechist and Assistant

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 Catechist

Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 pm

7th grade Catechist and Assistant

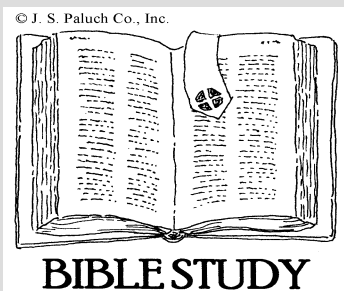
8th grade Assistant

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.

ACTS 29 (TEENS GR. 9-12)

Calling ALL teens to our Back To School Social. **TNT-BTSB** Join us on Sunday, September 15th following the 5:00 pm Mass in the Church hall for taco bar, veggie bar and dessert bar. Win prizes, bring friends. All are welcome. Parent pick is at 8:30 pm. Any questions call or email Sue Pullen.



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 Thursday afternoons from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17 & 10/24 OR Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29.

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.

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'S GUILD
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WOMEN'S GUILD - WELCOME BACK!!
The St. Francis Xavier Women's Guild will be having their first regular meeting of the 2019 - 2020 year on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
All women of the Parish are welcome. Please come join us for coffee and cake.
For more information, call Ellen Cote at 860-354-5883 or you may email her at ebcote@yahoo.com

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.



SAVE THE DATE:
FOR THE PASTOR'S PICNIC
 Sunday, October 6th
 There will be music, food and many other fun activities for ALL ages.
 Sign ups will begin next weekend.

Vocation Reflection
 Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother, or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. If He answers "yes", call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org, or visit the web the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

THANK YOU!!
 The Knights of Columbus, Council #40 would like to thank all of you that supported the Knights of Columbus State Raffle. The funds raised help support numerous state activities and a portion comes back to the local council here in New Milford. This year's portion \$662 was donated to the Youth Groups from both St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of the Lakes with each group receiving \$331.

The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Hartford is pleased to announce the third annual Archdiocesan Women's Conference - a day to celebrate our Roman Catholic faith.
 The event will take place on **Saturday, November 9th** at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, CT and run from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm - a full day of inspiration, spiritual nourishment, and sisterhood.
 Please share the news of this conference with women of all ages and stages who might enjoy this inspirational and empowering day. It is open to ALL Catholic women of faith, not just those employed by/volunteering in our parishes; therefore, this is also an opportunity to evangelize.
 Those interested can visit our website at www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org for more information and to register. We accept both checks and credit cards.
 If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nicole M. Perrone, Archdiocesan Director of Adult Faith Formation at 860-242-5573 x 2677.