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St. Francis Xavier Parish



PSALM
90:14

Fill us at daybreak
with your kindness,
that we may shout
for joy and gladness
all our days.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 8, 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 - 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 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

MONDAY - No scheduled Mass

TUESDAY - September 10

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

WEDNESDAY - September 11

8:00 A.M. For the victims of 9/11 & their families & friends

THURSDAY - September 12

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

FRIDAY - September 13

8:00 A.M. + Theodore C. Caldwell, Jr.
Requested by Mary & Suzanne

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

SATURDAY VIGIL - September 14

5:00 P.M. + Rose Sabilia
Requested by Dan & Ellen Mullane

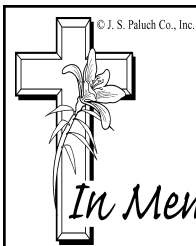
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY - September 15

7:30 A.M. + Dana Winters
Requested by the Kersten family

10:00 A.M. +Michela Dispensa
Requested by Rosa & Theresa & family

5:00 P.M. + William S. Levay (1st anniversary)
Requested by his family & friends



St. Francis sends a final farewell to our dearly departed:

Cono "Bill" Babbino
Dr. Donald Gordon, M.D.



III Timothy Corkery and Katrina Brennan



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.

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:
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

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. 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.

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 purposed 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.



OFFERTORY - = \$3,953.00
 Monthly - = \$2,258.00

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 debhmcl@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
 ACTS 29 (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

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.

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.



Sunday 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 4th grade Catechist

Monday 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 8th grade Catechist

Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Kindergarten Catechist and Assistant
 1st grade 2 Catechists and 1 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
 8th grade Catechist and 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**.



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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 860-354-5372 or spullen@sfxnewmilford.org

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.

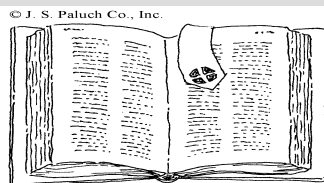
WOMEN'S GUILD

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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



BIBLE STUDY

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.



Vocation Reflection

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Having a loose grasp on those people and things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. Can you let go? If you can let go to follow as a priest or religious, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohtc.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

All Are Welcome to the Order of Malta's Sixth Annual Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage

A day of grace and healing
 Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:30 m - 3:00 p.m.

St. Peter Claver Church in West Hartford, CT

Please register by September 15 with Mark Sullivan
sllvnchrth@yahoo.com 860-523-1405

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>

Become a Literacy Volunteer!!

Literacy Volunteers on the Green, based in New Milford, is in need of tutors! LVG tutors provide English literacy instruction to adult learners in 14 towns in northern Fairfield and Litchfield counties. Volunteer tutors will be trained to support students in achieving their goals of literacy, learning English as a second language and preparing for citizenship. Prior teaching experience and knowledge of a language other than English is NOT needed.

Next training session is Thursday, September 26th from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at St. John's Church in New Milford.

Please RSVP to info@lvg-ct.org or call 860-355-0830 to register. **Plant the seed of education and impact the lives of adult learners!!**

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.