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# St. Francis Xavier Parish

September 22 2019

God wills everyone  
to be saved and to  
come to knowledge  
of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 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.



**Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
SATURDAY VIGIL - September 21**

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

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
SUNDAY - September 22**

7:30 A.M. + Barbara Anne Brinton  
Requested by Pat Kersten

10:00 A.M. For the living & deceased members of the  
McPartland & Doherty families  
Requested by their families

5:00 P. M. + Christine Bizier-Waldron  
(39th Birthday)  
Requested by Christine's family

**MONDAY - No scheduled Mass**

**TUESDAY - September 24**

6:30 P.M. + Anna Funaro  
Requested by the Lalak family

**WEDNESDAY - September 25**

8:00 A.M. + Gene Lynch  
Requested by Cindy Lynch

**THURSDAY - September 26**

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

**Saint Vincent DePaul, Priest**

**FRIDAY - September 27**

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

**SATURDAY VIGIL - September 28**

5:00 P.M. + John J. Haran, Sr. & Jr.  
Requested by Jo DeCosa

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY - September 29**

7:30 A.M. + Eileen Gay  
Requested by Bea Castellan

10:00 A.M. + James W. Reynolds (6th anniversary)  
Requested by his family

5:00 P.M. + Celestine Amaral, Helena Fernandes &  
Joseph Alfredo  
Requested by Antonio & Luisa Amaral &  
family



St. Francis sends a final  
farewell  
to our dearly departed:  
Robert Murphy, Sr.  
Filomena Babore  
Deborah Chin  
Marguerite Heithaus



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week  
burns in memory of  
John J. Haran, Sr. & Jr.  
Requested by  
Jo DeCosa



The St. Francis Xavier Memorial  
Window is illuminated this week for  
Gene Lynch  
Requested by  
Cindy Lynch

**“Let the little children come to me”**

Saint Francis Xavier welcomes families! We are in the process of providing a “kid-friendly” space in the parish hall for visiting (with your supervision) for those times you might want to stop in the back. Jesus has said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). May God bless every family!



**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 are in the Church Hall.

**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.

**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.**

**WE are still collecting items for the Missions:**  
Please drop them off at the Church or the parish office or contact Judy at 860-354-7254.

### 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. Together, we make a difference in the lives of countless individuals. Visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) and follow the link *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations*, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2019 towards this year's Appeal. 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.

### THANK YOU!!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank one and all for their purchase of tickets to the Baseball Game. All proceeds went to benefit the sound system for St. Francis Xavier Church.

All men are invited to the Men's Retreat on Nov. 1-3 at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center.  
Call Gene Calarco at 860-355-3572 with questions.

### 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.

### HOPES

- The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants.
- Last year's HOPES Grants totaled \$146,000 to fund technology, safety and advancement initiatives.
- The Collection also supports the broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media.

Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2019 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection this weekend.



Sacrificial Giving

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OFFERTORY -

= \$4,719.00

### Confraternity of the Rosary-Altar Duty Schedule

Oct. 3 - 5 Sally Adams / Jeanne Dingee  
Oct. 10 - 12 Joy Gaiser / Maura McPartland  
Oct. 17 - 19 Helen Manizza / Kathy Hyland  
Oct. 24 - 25 Jeanne Schuler / Maura McPartland  
Nov. 1 - 2 Patti Fisher / Sue Fisher  
Nov. 7 - 9 Jo DeCosa / Judy DeAlessio

### SOCIETIES/MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Pastoral Council President - dmcboyle@aol.com

#### 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. -  
Women's Guild - Second Tuesday of Month - 7 p.m., Church Hall  
Youth Ministry - Sue Pullen 860-354-5372  
ACTS (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

**FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR  
CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Grade 10 (Conf.) **Sun.**, 9/22 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
 Grade 10 (Conf.) **Mon.**, 9/23 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Grade 10 (Conf.) **Wed.**, 9/25 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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Grade K - 2 **Tues.**, 10/1 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Grade 3 - 5 **Wed.**, 10/2 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Grade 6 - 8 **Wed.**, 10/2 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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Grades K - 8 **Sun.**, 10/6 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Grade 6 - 8 **Mon.**, 10/7 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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Grade K - 2 **Tues.**, 10/15 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Grade 3 - 5 **Wed.**, 10/16 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Grade 6 - 8 **Wed.**, 10/16 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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Grade 9 (Confirmation) **Wed.**, 10/16 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
 Grade K - 8 **Sun.**, 10/20 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Grade 9 (Confirmation) **Sun.**, 10/20 11:30am-1:00pm  
 Grade 6 - 8 **Mon.**, 10/21 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
 Grade 9 (Confirmation) **Mon.**, 10/21 6:30- :00 pm

**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!!



Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
 Kindergarten Catechist and Assistant  
 1st grade Catechist

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**.



**TRIBE**  
 (Jr. Youth Group) (grades 6 - 8)  
**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
 Saturday, September 28th  
 Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass  
 For MOVIE NIGHT:

**ALEXANDER and the Terrible, Horrible,  
 NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY**  
 Pizza and popcorn will be served.  
 Desserts are a welcome donation.  
 Please RSVP to Sue Pullen at 860-354-5372 or  
 spullen@sfxnewmilford.org  
 Parent pick up is at 8:15 p.m.

We all have bad days, but with faith, family and friends.....We get thru!!

**SOCCOR CHALLENGE  
 "UNDER THE LIGHTS"**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
 Open to boys and girls age 9 - 14  
 On Friday, September 27TH AT New Milford High School  
 Adult volunteers are needed for scorers and judges.  
 Call Francis Gorglione at 203-417-2150  
 Or email him at gorglione@snet.net


**BOX OF JOY**

We have boxes to be filled with love and joy!!  
 Please stop in the office for a box and ideas for filling it  
 or go online to Catholiccrossoutreach.org  
 The filled boxes are due back to Sue Pullen on Wednesday, October 30th.  
 Call Sue at 860-354-5372 with questions or  
 Email her at spullen@sfxnewmilford.org

**Connecticut Catholic Men’s Conference  
Saturday, October 19, 2019**

St. Paul Catholic High School, 1001 Stafford Ave., Bristol  
Doors open at 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Our theme is “FORGE Your Path to Holiness”  
Experience the camaraderie of your fellow Catholic men.  
Added for 2019 - St. Joseph’s Golden Hammer Contest  
All day Adoration, Confession, Exhibitors & Vendors.  
Lunch included - receive your Spiritual Booster shot!  
Buy tickets online now ([www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org)) and at the door.

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.



**30th Annual Rosary Rally**  
Basilica of the Immaculate Conception  
Waterbury, CT

Sun., Oct. 6th 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Guest speaker: The Most Rev. Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV  
Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford  
Topic: “Mary’s Role in Salvation History”  
Procession, Talk, Rosary, Hymns, and Benediction  
Help Save America!

**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>

**AN INVITATION**

St. Francis of Assisi has proven to be a saint for all seasons. All around us, images and books abound testifying to his appeal in the present, as much as in the past. In his lifetime, Francis’s joyful love of God resulted in three Rules of Life for people who wanted to follow him: one for men and one for women who would leave the world to live out their calling, and a third for lay people, with all their daily commitments to family, work and society. Trying to put a spirituality (a vision and it’s joy) into words is no easy matter and the Secular branch of the Franciscan Order is probably the least known today. Known or unknown, we are alive and well and meeting in this area. If you are a person who finds themselves drawn to St. Francis and his spirituality, we invite you to check us out. We will host an information gathering Sunday, October 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Church of the Nativity, 48 East Street (CT Rt. 132) in Bethlehem, CT. “Come and See.”  
Any questions, please call me at 203-888-5995 or e-mail me at [wilkin.patricia@yahoo.com](mailto:wilkin.patricia@yahoo.com). Patricia Wilkin, OFS for Rosa Mystica Fraternity Secular Franciscan Order

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church**

Will be having an autumn  
**Healing Service with Fr. Larry Carew**  
On Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m.  
All are welcome and encouraged to attend.  
The Church is located at 138 Candlewood Lake Rd. in Brookfield, CT.  
Any questions please call Jean at 203-775-5117 ext. 213  
Or email: [jpiccirelli@stmarguerite.org](mailto:jpiccirelli@stmarguerite.org)

**COME PRAY WITH US.....**

Join us on Saturday October 12th at 12:00 noon at the Parish Center (school building) 1 Elm St. to celebrate the anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions.  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group will be leading the Rosary on the front lawn of the Parish Center.  
The Rosary will also be prayed in memory of: Joseph Samoska, III.  
All are welcome to attend.

**Vocation Reflection**

Jesus’ disciples are stewards of the household of God and act with trustworthiness in all their actions. Their master is God. We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? To follow Jesus as a priest or religious, call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Donna Marie Cooper O’Boyle will do a  
Presentation on the Rosary on  
Saturday, October 26th at 10:00 a.m. at  
St. Francis Xavier Church  
More details in next weeks bulletin.....

**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](mailto:ebcote@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:info@lvg-ct.org) or call 860-355-0830 to register. **Plant the seed of education and impact the lives of adult learners!!**