# St. Francis Xavier Parish September 14, 2025



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# THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

# LA EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ

Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Nadie ha subido al cielo sino el Hijo del hombre, que bajó del cielo y está en el cielo. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él". - Jn 3, 13. 17



**SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 13** SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND **DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** 

SFX: 8:30 AM + Luis Padilla Requested by his family

SFX: 5:00 PM + Fr. Jack Hoak, O.F.M.

(1st Heavenly Birthday)

VIGIL Requested by Frank Tedesco & family

**SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 14** THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Patrick Mannion Requested by Denis & Judy Larkin

SFX: 10:00 AM For the special intentions of Rita

Capodieci on this her 102nd Birthday

Requested by her family

**OLPH:** 10:00 AM + Roland, Brian & Dolores

Belanger

Requested by Marie-Ange Belanger

and family

11:30 AM + Por los miembros de la SFX: Parroquia de San Francisco Javier, en Español

vivos y difuntos

**MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 15 OUR LADY OF SOROWS** 

8:30 AM + Alan L. Burr SFX:

Requested by Blanche Stuart and

Susan Metcalf

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 16

SAINT CORNELIUS, POPE AND CYPRIAN,

BISHOP, MARTYRS

**OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Vamberto L. Castro Requested by Regina Cook WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 17

SAINT ROBERT BELLAMINE, BISHOP AND

DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, SAINT

HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, VIRGIN AND

DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + Thomas Doyle

Requested by the Kersten family

THURSDÂY - SEPTEMBER 18

**OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Cindy Cauber

Requested by Soraya Carratto

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 19

SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

SFX: 8:30 AM + Regima Ryl-Kaluza

Requested by her daughter, M. Kaluza

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 20

SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST AND PAUL CHONG HA-SANG AND COMPANIONS,

**MARTYRS** 

SFX: 8:30 AM + Luis Padilla

Requested by his family



St. Francis Xavier Parish Churches pray for the repose of the soul and sends a final farewell to our dearly departed:

Anne Samoska Fr. Mario Ospina Patricia Krallinger **Rosey Preston** Lark Marie O'Leary Jean Martirano **Ed Pickert** Vincent "Vinnie" Stephen Carfora Carr Ralph Moffie Gary Wolter William R. Mazzulla, Jr.



The Sanctuary Candle at St. Francis Xavier Church burns in Memory of:

Regima Ryl-Kaluza

Requested by:

Her daughter, Mary G.



The Memorial Window at St. Francis Xavier Church is illuminated for:

William "Bill" Shemeley

Requested by:

Marcel & Chris Grenier & family The Family



at St. Francis Xavier Church are being given for:

Regima Ryl-Kaluza



# Happy 154th Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier Church!!



The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will have their first meeting of the 2025-2026 year THIS Monday, September 15th at 1:00 pm at the Parish Center (1 Elm St.) (top of the green).

All are welcome to attend, just bring your needles.
Any questions call Maura Pauli at 860-690-1882



**PLEASE** REMEMBER IN YOUR **PRAYERS** THE **OVER** 80,000 UNRECOVERED POWS AND MISSING AMERICANS FROM WW1 PRESENT. AS WELL AS **THEIR** FAMILIES ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH WHICH IS NATIONAL POW/MIa RECOGNITION DAY.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!



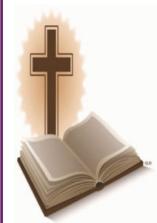
The Our Lady of the Lakes Church will be collecting donations the entire month of October for RESPECT LIFE MONTH to benefit Hopeline in Danbury,

Diapers: Newborn, size 3 and 5 and size 1 and 6

Clothing: hand mitts, swaddlers, boy and girl infant and toddler socks, boys newborn winter clothes and girls bibs

Other: diaper bags, boppy pillows, infant teethers, infant toys and receiving blankets

Items may be left in the Church entrance. Thank you.



## **SAVE THE DATES!**

Our fall Bible Study is on the Gospel of John at St. Francis Xavier Church begins on Wednesday, October 1st and runs through Wednesday, November 19th from 9:30—11:00 am. Sign ups will be in the OLOL & SFX Churches or call the office. Facilitated by Jacqui Farrell, a graduate of the New England Catholic Biblical School.

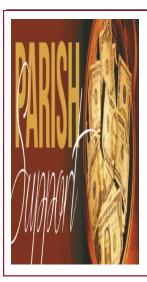
All men and women of our parish are invited to a **RETREAT AT LOURDES OF LITCHFIELD** on Tuesday, September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 10:00 am Refreshments and Jean Suddaby will tell her faith story

11:00 a.m. - Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Thomas Barry

12 Noon - Lunch (soup, sandwiches, dessert)

1:00 p.m. - Msgr. Barry will share his life story as a priest

The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is sponsoring this event. Space is limited. Confirm your reservation by calling Jean at 860-868-2522. The cost is \$20.00 which must be received by September 14th. Make checks payable to OLPH Women's Guild (non-refundable).



# OUR COLLECTION TOTAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

8/31/25 \$4,820.00

\$1,767.00 Faith Formation

9/7/25 \$5,387.00

\$2,346.00 Monthly

August online: \$6,210.00

☐ Mission Appeal – Diocese of Caldas-Antioquia in Colombia
 ☐ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." – Matthew 7:7

In the spirit of Christ's call to ask, seek, and knock, the Diocese of Caldas invites us to open our hearts in support of their mission efforts. The people of this region, rich in faith but often lacking in resources, are seeking hope, guidance, and the tangible presence of the Gospel in their daily lives.

Your generosity can be the answer to their prayers. By supporting the mission appeal, you help open doors to education, pastoral care, and vital community programs that bring the love of Christ to the most vulnerable.

Let us become instruments of God's grace, responding with open hands and hearts. Together, we can help the Diocese of Caldas, my home Diocese to continue to seek and serve, trusting that God will provide through our generosity.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Mission Appeal.

In Christ your brother, Fr. Carlos

# NEW DATE!! FOR THE EMERGENCY SECOND COLLECTION FOR GAZA

Archbishop Coyne is requesting, out of great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza, that all parishes take up a special second collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East the weekend of September 27 & 28. The funds collected will be distributed between The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CNEWA is in Gaza providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick malnourished and wounded and CRS is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies and for people's emotional well-being.

Thanks so very much for your continued prayers for those in need and participating in helping them with this collection.



## CALENDAR OF HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH:

Mon., 9/15 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Portuguese Rosary - 5 pm - OLOL
Church
Prayer Shawl Ministry - 1 pm - Parish
Center
Choir Practice 7 pm SFX Church
Choir Practice - en Español - 7 pm
SFX Church hall

Tues., 9/16 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church LHTC clean 9 am SFX Church & hall

Wed., 9/17 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church

Thurs., 9/18 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church
Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group
1 pm SFX Church hall
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm OLOL Church
Choir Rehearsal (Sun., 10am) - 7 pm
SFX Church

Fri., 9/19 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church

Sat., 9/20 Mass - 8:30 am - SFX Church Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church

Sun., 9/21 Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church
\*Mass - 10 am - SFX Church
\*Catechetical Sunday Blessing at Mass
with reception to follow
Mass - 10 am OLPH Church
Mass - 11:30 am - SFX Church
en Español
Baptism - 12:30 pm - SFX Church



Do you want to take a trip with fellow parishioners to see **NOAH** at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, December 4th? This is a special stage show with 140 live animal co—stars. Come and watch this fantastic Bible story come to life.

The coach bus will leave New Milford early in the morning and we will see the afternoon show and return to home later that evening.

The cost is \$200 person; \$160 for children 12 & under. A deposit of \$50 payable to St. Francis Xavier is required to hold your reservation. The balance would be due by Monday, October 20th.



Rosary Rally for Our Lady of Fatima

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group invites you to join 22,500 groups who are saying the rosary on Saturday, October 11th at 12 noon. We will be holding New Milford's in front of the Parish Center, 1 Elm St. New Milford. The Blessed Mother has asked we say the rosary in public. It is in memory of Joe Samoska and Nancy Gawel.

### **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.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ANNUAL WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR SATURDAY OCTOBR 4TH 9:00 AM—1 PM

This bazaar is the only fund-raiser we have with the proceeds going to local charities and our own Church. A lot of time and preparation go into its planning but, more importantly, for its success, we need all the assistance we can get from fellow OLPH parishioners. We realize not everyone can give their time, but donations would be greatly appreciated. One of the biggest draws is the FOOD TABLE for which there is always a bigger demand than supply We are in need of items for the following: Silent Auction Table

White Elephant Table Jewelry & Accessories Table Linens & Things Table Small Furniture ONLY

Those wishing to leave donations for the bazaar may do so by leaving items in the church hall, starting Monday, September 15th. Thank you for all your help.

Questions call Diane Witkoski at 860-491-5564 or Suzanne Kozak at 203-437-2619.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE ATTEND!



### **Mother Mary's Cupboard**

The next Love In Action Sunday is Sunday, September 21st. Donations collected at Our Lady of the Lakes Church will be donated to New Milford Food Bank. Please drop off your donations in the Atrium at OLOL.

(if you have any questions ask Sal Guagenti). **P.S. We are also in need of reusable bags!** 

# THE 18TH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

IS HAPPENING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL IN WATERBURY.

THE THEME IS: PILGRIMS OF HOPE—SPES NON CONFUNDIT ("HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT")

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ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER COYNE AND BISHOP RICHARD F. REIDY WILL CELEBRATE MASS.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT www.ctcatholicmen.org

Karen O'Donnell - Director 860-354-5372 or ololreled@gmail.com

Please make sure to <u>add</u> Karen's email address, so that you receive your emails.

All communications are sent via email and posted in this bulletin and put on the app.

We will also add posts on our Facebook page and Instagram page too, so join us!



OUR 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION, aka RELIGION CLASSES (CCD) ARE:

SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM
SEPTEMBER 28TH
SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 28TH
MONDAY 6—7:15 PM SEPTEMBER 29TH

IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE IN GRADES 1—5 THEY SHOULD BRING THEIR BIBLE, BOOK AND BAG WITH THEM TO ALL THEIR CLASSES.

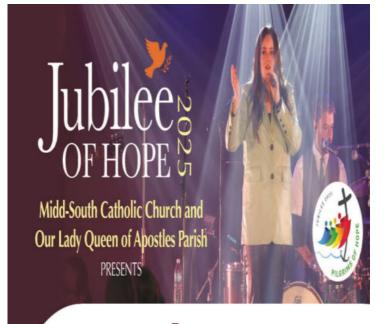
CHILDREN IN GRADES 6—8 SHOULD BRING THEIR BOOKS TO ALL CLASSES.

SHOULD YOUR CHILDREN BE ABSENT PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 860-354-5372 OR 860-354-2202 AND LET US KNOW. THEY MUST DO THE WORK ON THEIR GRADE LEVEL CALENDAR.

NEXT CLASSES: SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM OCTOBER 5TH SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM OCTOBER 5TH MONDAY 6—7:15 PM OCTOBER 6TH

### **Catechists and assistants:**

We ask you to please attend Mass at 10:00 am on Sunday, September 21st for Catechetical Sunday at which time you will receive a special blessing. Please RSVP to Karen as we will also be having a reception in the Church hall following and need to have enough food and beverages for all.



DATE OF EVENT:
Saturday
Oct. 4th 2025
7:00PM-9:30PM

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so that you can receive all announcements notices, including the \*bulletin.

\*you can also go to the website and sign up to receive the bulletin via email.

Thank you!

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- 2) Select our Parish after opening

The parish also has a:

Facebook page; St. Francis Xavier Parish, New Milford CT

Website; www.sfxnewmilford.org

AND NOW WE HAVE INSTAGRAM (LOOK FOR US AT) sfxnewmilford

The Archdiocese of Hartford has a Facebook page, website, Instagram and YouTube too!!!

# THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35,

36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn

19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab,

2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-

4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9,

10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17

-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3,

4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6,

7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

or 16:10-13

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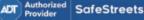


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