

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

## June 29, 2025



St. Francis Xavier Church

St. Francis Xavier Church  
26 Chestnut Land Rd  
New Milford CT 06776

Our Lady of the Lakes Church  
3 Old Town Park Rd  
New Milford CT 06776



Our Lady of the Lakes Church



### STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:19

### SAN PEDRO Y SAN PABLO, APÓSTOLES

“Te daré las llaves del reino de los cielos. Todo lo que ates en la tierra será atado en el cielo; y todo lo que desates en la tierra será desatado en el cielo.” - Mt 16,19



**SATURDAY VIGIL - JUNE 28 -  
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
SAINT IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR AND  
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**SFX:** 5:00 PM + Fr. Jack Hoak, O.F.M.  
Requested by the Shemeley family

**SUNDAY - JUNE 29 -  
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

**OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Colleen Sweeney  
Requested by Tom & Ruth Sweeney

**SFX:** 10:00 AM + Gary Lucente  
Requested by the 10:00 am Choir

**SFX:** 11:30 AM + Maria Pillco, Pedro Pillco &  
**en Español** Rosando Chimbo  
Requested by Jose & Gladys &  
brothers & sister

**MONDAY - JUNE 30 -  
THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN  
CHURCH**

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + Maureen Dzamko  
Requested by Stephen E. Barone & family

**TUESDAY - JULY 1 -  
SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA, PRIEST**

**OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Carmine Apruzzese  
Requested by Mary Apruzzese

**WEDNESDAY - JULY 2**

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + Evelyn & William Pagano  
Requested by Kathleen & Nicole

**THURSDAY - JULY 3 -  
SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE**

**OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Greg LiCalzi  
Requested by Henry & Agatha Beary

**FRIDAY - JULY 4 -  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + Benjamin Sy  
Requested by Cynthia Sy Uy

**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.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

**Michael Barry  
Deacon Willie Columbus Boone, Jr.**



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

**Gary Lucente**

**Requested by:**

**The 10:00 am Choir**



**The Sanctuary Candle at  
Our Lady of the Lakes  
Church  
burns in Memory of:**

**Dom & Florence Aiello  
(Happy Heavenly  
Anniversary)**

**Requested by:**

**their daughter,  
Lois Chludzinski**

**The Celebration of the Eucharist:  
The daily Mass is broadcast live Monday  
through Friday and on tape delay on  
Saturday & Sunday at 10:00 am on  
WCCT-TV & WCTX-TV (My TV9).  
It can also be viewed Saturday & Sunday at  
5:00 am on WCCT-TV.  
The Mass from ORTV can also be found  
streaming live at these times on  
<http://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm>.**



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**Fr. Carlos, staff and parishioners are very pleased to welcome Fr. Lijo Thomas as our Parochial Vicar.**



**WE ARE ADDING A SATURDAY 8:30 MORNING MASS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BEGINNING JULY 5TH.**

**ALSO STARTING SUNDAY, JULY 6TH SUNDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10:00 AM AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH IN WASHINGTON. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR PARISH MASS SCHEDULE.**



**OUR COLLECTION  
TOTAL  
FOR THE WEEK  
ENDING:**

06/22/2025  
\$ 6,549.00 SFX and  
OLOL Churches

*Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit*

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Our next second collection is next weekend it is our monthly collection (used to offset the cost of utilities).

*We thank you in advance for your continued generosity towards our Parish and other endeavors.*

**WELCOME:**

We are so very glad your are here with us.

If you want to join the parish, call Chris in the Parish office at 860-354-2202.

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays at 4:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church or anytime by appointment, call the office to schedule.

**SACRAMENTS:**

**BAPTISMS**

Call Parish Office - 860-354-2202.

**MARRIAGES**

Contact the priest six months in advance by calling the office.

**CALENDAR OF HAPPENINGS  
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

- Mon., 6/30 Rosary—8 am—SFX Church  
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church  
Summer Band - 8:30 am—2 pm -Parish Center - Mike Fitzgerald  
Portuguese Rosary—5 pm—OLOL Church  
Choir Rehearsal—en Español—7 pm SFX Church  
Choir Rehearsal—(Sat., 5 pm) - 7 pm SFX Church
- Tues., 7/1 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church  
Summer Band - 8:30 am—2 pm - Parish Center - Mike Fitzgerald  
Knights of Columbus - 7pm - SFX Church hall
- Wed., 7/2 Rosary—8 am—SFX Church  
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church  
Summer Band - 8:30 am—2 pm - Parish Center - Mike Fitzgerald
- Thurs., 7/3 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church  
Summer Band - 8:30 am—2 pm - Parish Center - Mike Fitzgerald  
Rosary—9 am—OLOL Church  
Our Lady Prayer Group 1 pm SFX Church hall  
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm OLOL Church  
Choir Rehearsal (Sun., 10am) - 7 pm SFX Church
- Fri., 7/4 Rosary—8 am—SFX Church  
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church  
Adoration 9—10 am SFX Church
- Sat., 7/5 Confession—4 pm—SFX Church  
Vigil Mass—5 pm—SFX Church
- Sun., 7/6 Mass—8:30 am—OLOL Church -  
\*Mass—10 am—SFX Church  
\*Donut Sunday - Knights of Columbus  
Mass—11:30 am—SFX Church—en Español  
Young Adult Bible Study - 6 pm - St. Francis Xavier Church hall

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL 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/appeal/> No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements. Please respond as generously as your means allow.*

**We rely upon ALL of our families to support our parish through the use of offertory envelopes or \*online giving at weekly Mass.**

Sign up for \*Online Giving or a link can be found on our website: <https://www.sfxnewmilford.org> (see below). 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. Or you can always bring your donation to Mass with you and put in our collection boxes or the basket when passed.

If you forget or attend elsewhere that weekend or in the case of inclement weather please bring your weekly offering the following week or you can also mail in your envelopes/donation to the office: St. Francis Xavier 1 Elm St. New Milford, CT 06776 Attn: collection. Or you may drop your envelopes in the office mailbox on the stoop outside our back door.

If you have any questions or need help, please call the bookkeeper on Tuesday or Thursday morning for assistance 860--350-6753.

Your continued support is very much needed and appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!!

**\*How Do I Get Started?**

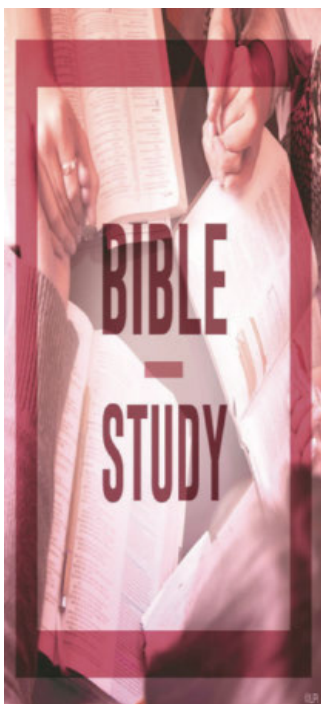
1. Visit our parish website: ([www.sfxnewmilford.org](http://www.sfxnewmilford.org))
2. Click on the Online Giving link.
3. Click on the Create New Account link.

It's that simple!

We continue to accept donations of bottles and cans. We have an account at the Three Veterans Bottle and Can Redemption Center. 100 percent of all donations stays with the Parish. You may drop off your items at the Parish Center or **OUTSIDE IN THE NEW REDEMPTION BOX BY THE BACK DOOR** at St. Francis Xavier Church or you can drop by the Church office for a sticker and bring them to the center yourself. Any questions call Chris in the office at 860-354-2202. Thanks for considering us.



Seguimos aceptando donaciones de botellas y latas. Tenemos una cuenta en el Centro de Redención de Botellas y Latas de Tres Veteranos. El 100 por ciento de todas las donaciones se quedan con la parroquia. Puede dejar sus artículos en el Centro Parroquial o **AFUERA EN LA NUEVA CAJA DE REDENCIÓN POR LA PUERTA TRASERA en la** Iglesia de San Francisco Javier o puede pasar por la oficina de la Iglesia para obtener una calcomanía y llevarlos al centro usted mismo. Cualquier pregunta llame a Chris en la oficina al 860-354-2202. Gracias por considerarnos.



**We have a parishioner, Emily Robitaille who has brought a YOUNG ADULT Bible Study to St. Francis Xavier Parish.**

**On Sundays at 6:00 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Church hall. Just bring yourself and a Catholic Bible.**

**Snacks will be provided.**

**LAST CALL!!**



**IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, PLEASE RETURN YOUR BABY BOTTLES TO THE CHURCH, SO THAT WE CAN CONTACT HOPELINE & CAROLYN'S PLACE FOR PICK UP OF OUR DONATIONS! THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!!**





## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please register your child/children for their Faith Formation (CCD) classes for the 2025-2026 year. Call or come to the office to do this asap as we are preparing teacher class lists, book orders and classrooms.

## INSCRÍBANSE PARA LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Por favor, **inscriba** a su hijo(a) para sus clases de Formación en la Fe (CCD) para el año 2025-2026. Llame o venga a la oficina para hacer esto lo antes posible, ya que estamos preparando listas de clases de maestros, pedidos de libros y aulas.

Karen O'Donnell - Director

860-354-5372 or [ololreled@gmail.com](mailto:ololreled@gmail.com)

Please make sure to **add** Karen's email address, so that you receive your emails. All communications are sent via email and posted in the bulletin too!!

## CONFIRMATION CONFIRMACIÓN

WE HAVE A DATE FOR CONFIRMATION! The confirmandi (students) who have 1. completed their preparation classes, 2. will attend their retreat on Sat., Sept. 6th at Our Lady of the Lakes Church from 9 - 11 am with their parent or sponsor and 3. have had their interview with Karen will receive their Confirmation on **Saturday, November 22 at 1:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.** Any questions please call Karen in the office at 860-354-5372.

## Interested in getting involved?



We are in need of just TWO more of the following Catechists (teachers):

Sunday morning 8:30–9:45 am 8th grade

Sunday 11:15 am–12:30 pm 1st grade

AND we are in need of many assistants:

Sunday morning 8:30–9:45 am 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th & 8th grades

Sunday 11:15 am–12:30 pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grades

Monday evening 6–7:15 pm 4th, 6th & 8th grades

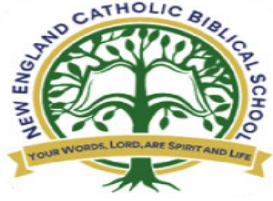
We also have need for TWO 9th grade assistants both on Sunday (one for 8:30 & one for 11:15)

Call Karen for more information.



## THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY:

The **Parables of Jesus** are designed to shake us up, to shock, confront, provoke and indict us. Each parable works differently and each must be studied separately to determine its significance, how it functions and how it calls its readers to respond. Explore a variety of parables in this Threshold Bible Study offering — each empowering us to think, teach and act like Jesus did, to accept his new vision of the world and to participate wholeheartedly in the new life he offers. Maura Pauli will be the instructor for this six week study beginning on **Wed., July 9th from 9:30–11 am and run through Wed., Aug. 12th.** This will be held the St. Francis Xavier Church hall (we have air conditioning). Sign ups are in the St. Francis Xavier Church hall, the Our Lady of the Lakes vestibule and you may also call the Parish office at 860-354-2202.



*Enrollment is  
Now Open!*

Jackie Farrell & Maura Pauli, our parishioners who are also graduates of the Catholic Biblical School will be available to answer all questions in the Church hall following Mass this weekend regarding the Biblical School.

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Tentative locations for Year 1 Class:

- Saint Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield – Mon 10-12noon
- Sacred Heart, Bloomfield – Mon 6:30-8:30pm
- Our Lady of Loreto, Waterbury, Thurs 6:30-8:30pm
- St Aloysius, Plantsville, Mon 10-12noon
- Online, Wed 6:30-8:30pm

Visit: [www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com](http://www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com)

### THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/  
Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/  
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/  
Mt 16:13-19

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9,  
10-11/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/  
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11,  
12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2,  
3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4,  
5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7,  
16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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