St. Francis Xavier Parish August 31, 2025



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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

"Al contrario, cuando des un banquete, invita a los pobres, a los lisiados, a los cojos y a los ciegos; y así serás dichoso, porque ellos no tiene con qué pagarte; pero ya se te pagará, cuando resuciten los justos". - Lc 14, 13-14

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SATURDAY - AUGUST 30

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

SFX: 5:00 PM + Dr. David Lynch

VIGIL Requested by his loving wife & family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 31 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Bill Donahue, Sr.

Requested by Ann Margaret Donnelly

SFX: 10:00 AM + Gary Lucente

Requested by the SFX Women's Guild

OLPH: 10:00 AM + James & Priscilla Humphry

Requested by the Fitch family

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

vivos y difuntos

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 1 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

SFX: 8:30 AM + Anna Smith

Requested by Adrienne Coppola

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 2

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Salvatore Apruzzese Requested by Mary Apruzzese

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 3 SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

SFX: 8:30 AM + Anna Smith

Requested by Barbara & Ed Sturm

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 4

OLOL: 8:30 AM For the special intentions of Cara

Williams

Requested by Ann Margaret Donnelly

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 5

SFX: 8:30 AM + Mildred Keefe

Requested by John & family

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 6

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:

Br. John Micharl Pinto
Patricia J. (McKane) Anzellotti
Errol Williams
Alice Williams
Edwin Baldwick



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

Eileen Monaghan

Requested by:

The McPartland and Fanella families

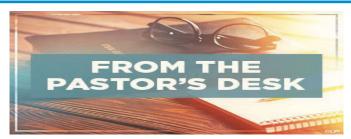
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DONATION FOR ALL MASS CARDS IS:
\$15. WEEKDAY AND \$20. WEEKEND
for all our Churches!

The Sanctuary Candle at all our
Churches is \$15. and
the Memorial Window card for St.
Francis Xavier Church is \$15.
Also if you wish to purchase the
altar flowers in memory of a loved
one, special anniversary, etc. we
can do that too!

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.



If you missed the preliminary meeting for "How to Become Catholic" aka OCIA ... it's not too late. Formal classes begin on Wednesday, September 10th, so please call the office if you are interested and want to join.

Si te perdiste la reunión preliminar de "Cómo convertirse en católico", también conocido como OCIA... No es demasiado tarde. Las clases formales comienzan el miércoles 10 de septiembre, así que llame a la oficina si está interesado y desea unirse.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild will hold a POT-LUCK SUPPER / BABY SHOWER to benefit Carolyn's Place, a pregnancy care center in Waterbury, on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in their church hall. Women of St. Francis Xavier Church and Our Lady of the Lakes Church are invited. Our friends at Salem Covenant Church will be joining us and Trudy Higgins, a representative from Carolyn's Place, will join us for an update. Please bring a favorite food and an unwrapped baby gift or a financial gift. Contact Diane Witkoski at 860-491-5564 or email Suzanne at churchofourlady@att.net to let us know if you are attending NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th. We welcome all gifts, which can be left in their church hall if you are unable to attend. Wish list includes: towels, wash cloths, diapers (sizes newborn, 1, 2, 3), pacifiers 0-3 months, clothing (newborn to 6 months), baby shampoo and lotion. Handmade gifts are appreciated. Thank you for helping us provide a good start for these special children.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR SEX PARISH:

MONDAY: 8:30 AM SFX CHURCH

TUESDAY: 8:30 AM OLOL CHURCH

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 AM SFX CHURCH

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM OLOL CHURCH

FRIDAY: 8:30 AM SFX CHURCH

SATURDAY: 8:30 AM SFX CHURCH

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM SFX CHURCH

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM OLOL CHURCH

10:00 AM SFX CHURCH 10:00 AM OLPH CHURCH

11:30 AM SFX CHURCH—SPANISH





OUR COLLECTION TOTAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

08/24/2025 \$ 6,226.00 SFX and OLOL Churches

Our second collection this weekend is for our FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our second collection next weekend (/9/7) is for 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.

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 13-14. 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.

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.

CALENDAR OF HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

- Mon., 9/1 Labor Day offices closed Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Portuguese Rosary - 5 pm - OLOL Church
- Tues., 9/2 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church
- Wed., 9/3 Rosary 8 am SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
- Thurs., 9/4 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., 9/5 Rosary 8 am SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church
- Sat., 9/6 Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Confirmation Retreat - 9-11 am -OLOL Church Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church
- Sun., 9/7

 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
 Faith Formation Classes 8:30—9:45 am
 Parish Center

 Mass 10 am SFX Church
 Donut Sunday—hosted by the SFX
 Women's Guild

 Mass 10 am OLPH Church
 Faith Formation Classes 11:15 am—
 12:30 pm Parish Center

 Mass 11:30 am SFX Church
 en Español
 Baptism 2 pm OLOL Church

SAVE THE DATE:

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

St. Francis Xavier Churches Women's Guild

First meeting of the 2025-2026 year will be held on Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Church hall.

We're planning our Fall events, stuffing stockings for Camilla's Cupboard, our support every Monday for Loaves and Fishes, the fundraisers for financial support for Loaves and Fishes, the December ornament gift to parishioners and the Christmas Giving Fund.

All women of the Parish are invited. We love new ideas and projects, so come and share your thoughts.

For more information contact Ellen Cote at ebcote@yahoo.com or 860-354-5883.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE – June 21–29, 2026 (\$3,495)

Join Fr. Tom Washburn and Fr. Mike MacInnis on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Medjugorje, the village of peace and prayer where countless pilgrims have encountered the Blessed Mother. We will be present for the 45th Anniversary of the Apparitions and will stay at the guest house of visionary Ivan Dragicevic. The all-inclusive cost is \$3,495. This is a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, experience Mary's motherly presence, and join pilgrims from around the world in prayer and celebration. For more information and registration details, please contact Fr. Tom (frtwashburn@diocese-fr.org) visit: www.206tours.com/frwashburn

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HELP COMPLETE THE NEW MILFORD 9/11 MEMORIAL

They're raising \$6000 to add two symbolic curved benches to the 9/11 Memorial - creating a peaceful place for reflection and remembrance.

This final element honors those we lost and offers a space for out community to pause and connect.

Gold \$500; Silver \$250; Bronze \$100; Contributor any amount. All donors will be recognized in the 2025 Ceremony Program (or can remain anonymous).

Checks payable to: Town of New Milford - 9/11 Memorial Fund and mail to 9/11 Memorial Committee, Finance Office 10 Main St. New Milford, CT 06776

With gratitude: Dan Sullivan, Chairman, Tammy Reardon, Secretary & members Walter Bayer, Korey Linder, Kathy Maher and Jeff McBreairty.

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.

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

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

IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE IN GRADES 2—5 THEY SHOULD BRING THEIR BIBLE AND BAG WITH THEM TO THEIR FIRST CLASS. THE FIRST GRADERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES AT CLASS.

ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THE YEAR CALENDAR AT CLASS.

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

CONFIRMATION:

REMINDER: YOUR RETREAT IS NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CHURCH FROM 9:00—11:00 AM YOU MUST ATTEND WITH A PARENT OR YOUR SPONSOR. ANY QUESTIONS CALL KAREN.

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!

We are in need of only 4 more assistants:

Sunday morning 8:30-9:45 am 6th & 8th grades
Sunday 11:15 am-12:30 pm
7th & 8th grades

Call Karen for more information.

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.

The St. Francis Xavier Parish webpage is at http://sfxnewmilford.org/ OR download the App

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!

Text App to 88202 to download our parish app:

- 1) Download myParish App
- 2) Select our Parish after opening

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

Website; www.sfxnewmilford.org

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THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4 -5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33





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