

St. Francis Xavier Parish

December 7, 2025



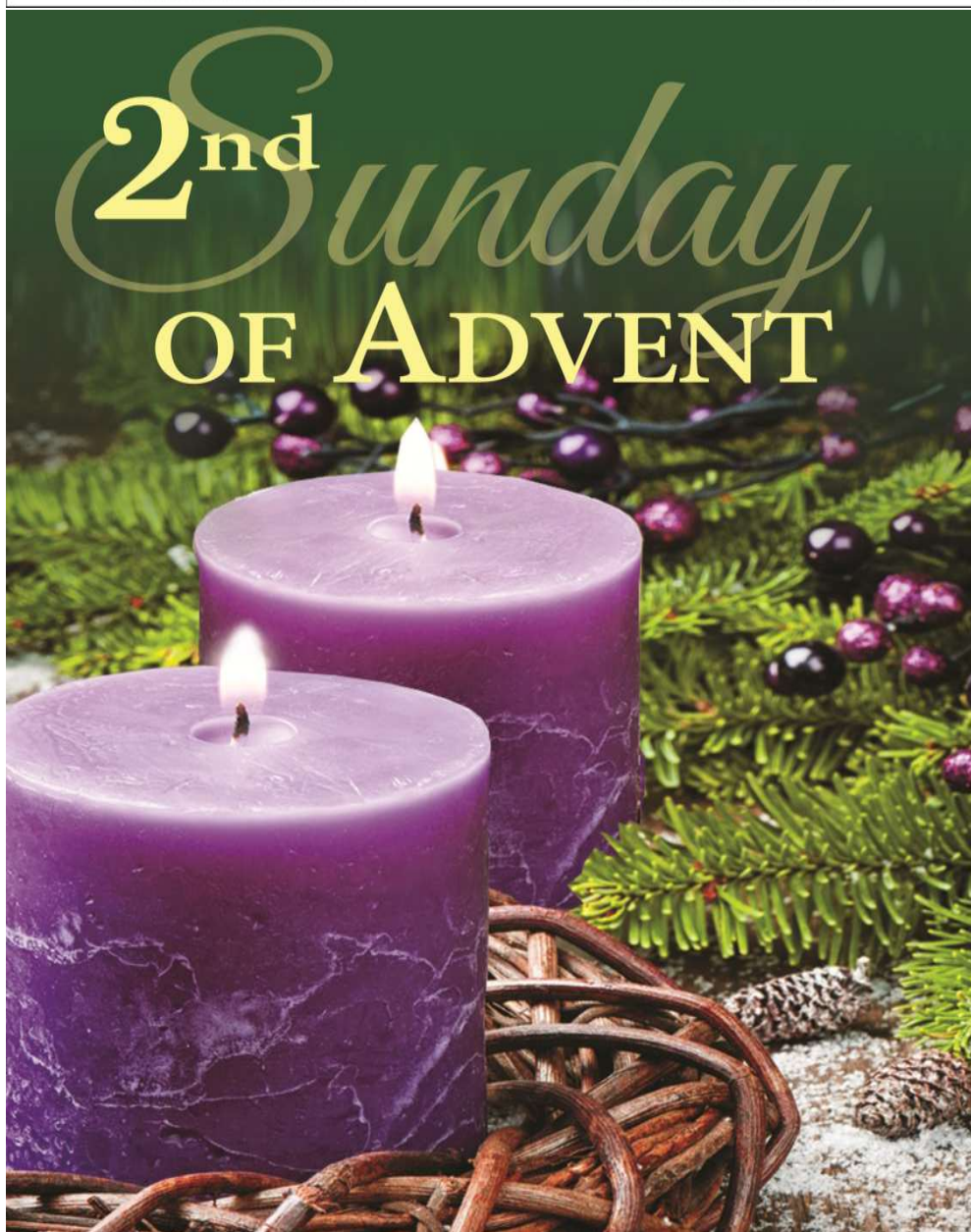
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 6

SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP

SFX: 8:30 AM + Anthony DeNoris (aniv.)

Requested by Carol Shubin

SFX: 5:00 PM + Joseph Petrini (4th aniv.)

VIGIL Requested by his sister, Marie Douglas & family

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LOL: 8:30 AM + Michael Richard Toscano
(1st anniversary)

Requested by his family

SFX: 10:00 AM + Jack McPartland (16th aniv.)

Requested by his family

OLPH: 10:00 AM + Margaret R. Cook & Margaret C. Cook

SFX: 11:30 AM + En memoria de los miembros
en Español fallecidos de la familia Kaluza

MONDAY - DECEMBER 8

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

SFX: 8:30 AM + Powell McNichols

Requested by his family

OLPH: 9:00 AM + Jack Mahoney

Requested by his Church friends

LOL: 12:00 noon + Greg Palmisani

Requested by his Church friends

SFX: 6:30 pm + Robert Lindner

bi-lingual Requested by his family

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 9

ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN

LOL: 8:30 AM + June Wendler

Requested by Ann Margaret Donnelly

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 10

OUR LADY OF LORETO

SFX: 8:30 AM + In loving memory of the
Deceased members of the Cirillo, Croke & Pagano families

Requested by Kathleen & Nicole

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 11

SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE

LOL: 8:30 AM + Bill Shemeley

Requested by his 5 pm Mass friends; Rich, Nancy & Mary

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SFX: 8:30 AM + Anna Smith

Requested by Robert & Yvonne Lynch & family

SFX: 6:30 PM + Por los fallecidos de nuestra
en Español parroquia

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 13

SAINT LUCY VIRGIN AND MARTYR

SFX: 8:30 AM + For the deceased of our Parish

IN MEMORIAM

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

Greg Palmisani



**The Sanctuary Candle
at St. Francis Xavier Church
for this week burns in
memory of:**

**Emeterio Ordonez
(1st anniversary)**

**Requested by:
The Ordonez/Posada family**



**The Sanctuary Candle
At Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Church for this week
burns in memory of:**

Dewey Young, Jr.

Requested by:

his wife, Dawn



MASS SCHEDULE:

**St. Francis Xavier Mon.,
Dec. 8th at 8:30 am**

**Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Mon., Dec. 8th at
9:00 am**

**Our Lady of the Lakes
Mon., Dec. 8th at
12:00 noon**

**St. Francis Xavier Mon.,
Dec. 8th at 6:30 pm
bi-lingual**

**This is a Holy Day of
Obligation**

BREAKING

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH HAS
ADDED A 6:00 PM MASS &
A 8:00 PM BI-LINGUAL MASS ON
CHRISTMAS EVE!!**

Thank You. 

The following was received: We would like to again express our sincere gratitude to St. Francis Xavier Church for sponsoring the Baby Bottle Boomerang for Carolyn's Place which raised \$ 3,066.80! We are extremely grateful that you sponsored this Boomerang on our behalf.

Thank you again for all you do to support our ministry and God's gift of life.

My apologies for the delay. Very truly yours, Kim



ATTENTION: Please note that the Our Lady of Perpetual Help office is now **CLOSED**. All calls and business will now take place at the St. Francis Xavier Parish offices 1 Elm St. New Milford, CT 06776. Any

problems call Chris at 860-354-2202 for Church related questions. Call Jocelyne at 860-350-6753 for bookkeeping and cemetery related inquiries. Also note the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church doors will continue to close daily at 6:30 pm.

The following is what was collected for Hopeline during the annual diaper and clothing drive. At Our Lady of the Lakes Church. 1456 diapers, 248 wipes, 22 onesies, 16 bibs, 11 hats, 12 t-shirts, 18 pairs of socks, 12 receiving blankets, 4 swaddlers, 10 outfits/pj's, 7 pacifiers, 2 jars of baby food, 6 teethingers, 12 toys/stuffed animals, 4 rubber ducks, 1 bassinet, 1 changing station and 1 diaper bag.

Thanks again for your generosity



A Rosary for Peace is said every Sunday at 9:30 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help before Mass begins at 10:00 am.

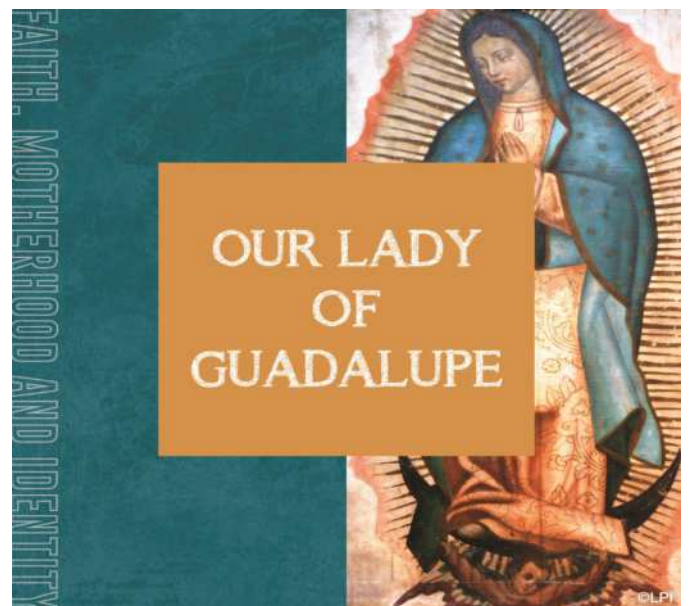
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CONFESSION

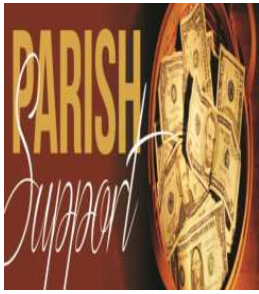
LA RECONCILIACIÓN

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Will be offered as usual on Saturday's at 4:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church and also offered on Monday, December 1st, 15th & 22nd during Advent from 6:00—8:00 pm. As always you may also call the office to schedule an appointment with our priests.



Feast Day Mass will be celebrated
on
Friday, December 12th at 6:30 pm
at
St. Francis Xavier Church
en Español



**OUR COLLECTION TOTAL
FOR SFX & OLOL FOR THE
WEEK ENDING:**

11/30/25 \$ 6,929.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Collection: Weekly:
11/30/25 \$ 903.00



The second collection for
THIS weekend, 12/6 &
12/7 is for the Monthly
Collection (used to offset
the cost of utilities)

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

A lifetime of service deserves care in return.

"Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

As winter settles in and our communities gather close in faith, it is a season to embrace the warmth that generosity brings. Just as the colder weather can challenge us, consistent giving sustains and strengthens our parish—supporting ministries, nurturing outreach and providing for those in need. We have available Online Giving cards at each of the doors to our Churches. Please take one and after careful consideration visit our church website to sign up and get started. Thank you for all each of you do to help lead our Parish in faith and generosity.

ATTENTION:

If you donated a small statue to St. Francis Xavier Church and would like it back, please call or come to the office for pick up. We appreciate your gift, but we only have so much room and need to return some. Thank you for your understanding. God bless.



- Mon., 12/8** Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Mass 9:00 am OLOL Church
Mass 12:00 noon OLOL Church
Portuguese Rosary 5 pm—OLOL Church
Mass 6:30 pm SFX Church bi-lingual
Choir Practice 7 pm SFX Church
Choir Practice - en Español - 7 pm
SFX Church hall
- Tues., 12/9** Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church
- Wed., 12/10** Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
OLOL Christmas Pageant music
Rehearsal 6:30—8:30 pm
OCIA 7—8:30 pm SFX C/H
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm SFX Church
- Thurs., 12/11** Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church
Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group
1 pm SFX Church hall
Christmas Pageant practice at OLOL
From 6:00—7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm OLOL Church
- Fri., 12/12** Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church
Our Lady of Guadalupe—Feast Day Mass
6:30 pm at SFX Church—en Español
- Sat., 12/13** Mass - 8:30 am - SFX Church
Wreaths Across America will take place at
11:45 am at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery
Baptism at 1 & 3:00 pm
Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church
Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church
- Sun., 12/14** Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church
Rosary - 9:30 am OLOL Church
Mass - 10 am - SFX Church
Mass - 10 am OLOL Church
Mass - 11:30 am SFX Church -
en Español including Baby Jesus blessing
Baptism—12:30 pm SFX Church
Christmas Pageant 1 pm at OLOL Church

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP WOMEN'S GUILD:

will have a meeting in the OLPH church hall on
Tuesday, December 9th at 4:00 pm.
This is an important meeting as we will discuss our
purpose.

Any questions, call Jean Suddaby at
860-868-2522.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry
will hold their next meeting on
Monday, December 15th at
1:00 pm at the Parish Center.
All women of the parish are
invited. Bring your needles.
Any question call Maura Pauli
at 860-690-1882.



Por favor, únete a
nuestra comunidad
latina mientras
presentan la Natividad
el domingo 21 de
diciembre tras la misa
de las 11:30 de la
mañana en la iglesia de
San Francisco Xavier.

The "Feed the Hungry" Ministry of St. Francis Xavier Church is continuing the Food Drive. All donations collected at St. Francis Xavier Church will be donated to Loaves & Fishes. Please drop off your donations in the Church hall at SFX (ask Bob Greco if you have any questions). Donation of reusable bags accepted too!



Mother Mary's Cupboard

The next Love In Action Sunday is Sunday,
December 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!



At Christmas Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church supports community families through the Town of Washington Social Service and their Senior Center's Seniors Fuel Fund.

Our Giving Tree will be in the church on Sunday, November 29th. Tags on the tree will note specific donations of gift cards and opportunities to donate to the Seniors Fuel Fund. Each gift should be placed in the basket next to the tree by Sunday, December 14th. For more information, please call the parish office at 860-354-2202.

Thank you!

Giving Tree Donations



We at St. Francis Xavier Church are once again asking everyone to make a financial contribution to our Martha and Mary Community Care program, so that we can assist each of the NINE community agencies in giving out gifts and gift cards for Christmas.

If you would like to make a donation to help us offset the cost, we will accept any all amounts offered. Every dollar counts.

Please mail to: St. Francis Xavier 1 Elm St. New Milford, CT 06776 Attn. Chris or put in the collection baskets to my attention or come and see me in the office Monday—Thursday 9am—5 pm. Any questions call me at 860-354-2202.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity in helping us to help others. God bless!!



We will also be having a giving tree at Our Lady of the Lakes Church that will support the Danbury Youth Services (which serves ALL the surrounding towns).

We will have the ornaments available next Sunday, November 15th. The gifts will need to be wrapped and returned to Our Lady of the Lakes by Sunday, December 14th with the tag attached.

Call Karen at 860-354-5372 with any questions.

Your support touches so many lives. We can all use "A Little Christmas".



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

- *SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM AND
- *SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
DECEMBER 7th
- *MONDAY 6—7:15 PM
DECEMBER 8th

**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 ALSO
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 AND
- *SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
DECEMBER 21st
- *MONDAY 6—7:15 PM DECEMBER 22nd

***The Archdiocese of Hartford announced last
year about a new program for all the children
called:**

“EMPOWERING GOD’S CHILDREN”.
It will be presented to the grade 5 children on
Sunday, 12/7 and Monday, 12/8.

**Any questions, please contact Karen, the Faith
Formation Director.**

Karen O'Donnell - Director
860-354-5372 or 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
this bulletin and put on the app.

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

Karen O'Donnell - Directora
860-354-5372 o ololreled@gmail.com

Asegúrese de **agregar** la dirección de correo electrónico de Ka-
ren para recibir sus correos electrónicos.

Todas las comunicaciones se envían por correo electrónico y se
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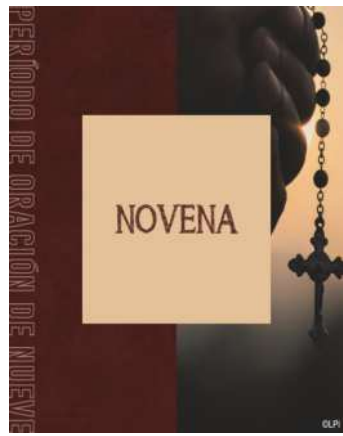
También agregaremos publicaciones en nuestra página de Face-
book e Instagram, ¡así que únase a nosotros!

OLPH DATES:

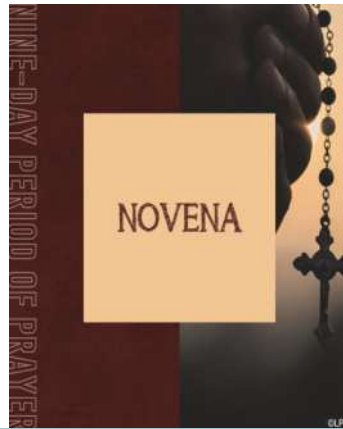
**Family Catechesis: Saturday,
December 13th at 5:00 pm**

**Reconciliation and
Communion: Sunday,
December 14th from 8:45—
9:45 am**

**Confirmation: Sunday,
December 14th from 11:00
am—12:15 pm**



Para el Niño Jesús comienza el lunes 15 de diciembre hasta el martes 23 de diciembre a las 18:30 en la iglesia de San Francisco Javier es bilingüe.



For Baby Jesus begins on Monday, December 15th through Tuesday, December 23rd at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church it is bilingual.

THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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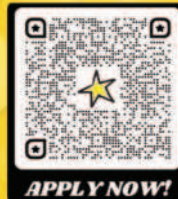
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