# St. Francis Xavier Parish July 20, 2025



Our Lady of the Lakes Church Sullivan Road New Milford CT 06776 St.Francis Xavier Church 26 Chestnut Land Road New Milford CT 06776 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church 34 Green Hill Road Washington CT 06793



# **16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

El Señor le respondió: "Marta, Marta, muchas cosas te preocupan y te inquietan, siendo así que una sola es necesaria. María escogió la mejor parte y nadie se la quitará". - Lc 10, 41-42

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- SATURDAY JULY 19 SFX: 8:30 AM + Luis Padilla Requested by his family
- SFX: 5:00 PM + Emilio Olabarrieta & deceased VIGIL members of the Field family Requested by Annette Field

#### SUNDAY - JULY 20

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OLOL: 8:30 AM + Jim Sweeney Requested by Tom & Ruth Sweeney

- **SFX:** 10:00 AM + the Lynch & Sullivan families Requested by the Maguire family
- **OLPH:** 10:00 AM + Raymond Kozak Requested by his wife, Suzanne & family

SFX: 11:30 AM + Shane Thayer en Español Requested by the Dane family

**MONDAY - JULY 21** SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST **AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH SFX:** 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory Requested by Soraya Carratto TUESDAY - JULY 22 SAINT MARY MAGDALENE **OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Teresa Ester Gabriel Requested by Regina Cook WEDNESDAY - JULY 23 SAINT BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS SFX: 8:30 AM For the Special Intentions of Ruth Jennings Requested by Ruth Jennings THURSDAY - JULY 24 SAINT SHARBEL MAHKLOUF, PRIEST **OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Joao Batista Gabriel Requested by Regina Cook FRIDAY - JULY 25 SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE SFX: 8:30 AM + Rachel Beaulieu Requested by John, Joanne & Amy (Lillis Funeral Home) **SATURDAY - JULY 26** SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

# IN MEMORIAM

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

**Beatriz Clara Mayo Franciamore** 



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

**Eileen Monaghan** 

**Requested by:** 

Dennis & Sheila Brooks



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

Kyle, Happy Birthday in Heaven

**Requested by:** 

His family, with love

#### **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.

THE SUGGESTED DONATION FOR ALL MASS CARDS IS: \$15. WEEKDAY AND \$20. WEEKEND for both Churches! The Sanctuary Candle and Memorial Window cards are \$15. Also if you wish to purchase the altar flowers in memory of a loved one, special anniversary, etc. we can do that too!

### PASTORAL TEAM:

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# PARISH OFFICE:

Web site: www.sfxnewmilford.org Email: sfxparish@sfxnewmilford.org

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

# Be Ready for God to "Stop By"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# TOTAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING: 07/13/2025 \$ 5,575.00 SFX and

**OLOL** Churches

Monthly collection: \$ 2,191.00

#### **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal found at literature, which can be https:// archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/ No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Please respond as generously as your means allow.



It's July, Christmas is coming and the Women's Guild is looking for vendors for our St. Francis Xavier Church's Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd. Spaces are limited. An eight foot table space is \$25 and you may need to bring a table. Please contact Ellen Cote, (860) 354-5883 or ebcote@yahoo.com to reserve your space or for more information.

#### 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., 7/21	Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Portuguese Rosary - 5 pm - OLOL Church Choir Rehearsal - en Español - 7 pm
	SFX Church Choir Rehearsal - (Sat., 5 pm) - 7 pm
	SFX Church

- Tues., 7/22 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
- Wed., 7/23 Rosary 8 am SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Bible Study - 9:30 - 11 am - SFX Church hall
- Thurs., 7/24 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church 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
- Rosary 8 am SFX Church Fri., 7/25 Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church
- Sat., 7/26 Mass - 8:30 am -Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church
- Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church -Sun., 7/27 Mass - 10 am - SFX Church Mass - 10 am OLPH Church Mass - 11:30 am - SFX Church en Español Young Adult Bible Study - 6 pm - St. Francis Xavier Church hall

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

The next Love In Action Sunday is Sunday, July 27th. 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 "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!

#### "LITURGY & LUNCHEON" FOR YOUNG ADULT MEN & WOMEN—IN CELEBRATION OF THE JUBILEE OF YOUNG ADULTS:

SATURDAY Aug. 2nd—Mass at 11:00 am followed by 12:00 lunch and talk given by newly ordained Fr. Martin Chouinard. An opportunity for Eucharistic adoration will follow. St. Joseph's Residence / Little Sisters of the Poor, 1365 Enfield St., Enfield. Register by July 31st at <u>sc@littlesistersofthepoor.org</u> or (860)402-4478; there is no registration fee.

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

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)

- 2. Click on the Online Giving link.
- 3. Click on the Create New Account link.

It's that simple!

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.

### Thank you!

Text App to 88202 to download our parish app:

1) Download myParish App

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!!!

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 <u>OUTSIDE IN THE NEW</u> <u>REDEMPTION BOX BY THE BACK DOOR</u> 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

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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.

July 20, 2025



Registration needs to be completed by July 31st.

Books for our program will be ordered on August 1st. If you are not registered by July 31st an additional fee of \$25 will need to be added to cover the special shipping and handling charges.

The following classes are already full: Sunday 8:30 grade 2 and Monday 6 pm grades 3 & 8;

so choice of class day and times are becoming limited.

You may call the office or come in person to register.



La inscripción debe completarse antes del 31 de julio.

Los libros para nuestro programa se pedirán el 1 de agosto. Si no está registrado antes del 31 de julio, se pagará una tarifa adicional de \$ 25 será necesario agregarlo para cubrir los gastos especiales de envío y manipulación.

Las siguientes clases ya están completas: Domingo 8:30 grado 2 y Lunes 6 pm grados 3º y 8º; Por lo tanto, la elección del día y los horarios de las clases se está volviendo limitada.

Puede llamar a la oficina o venir en persona para registrarse.

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.

We will also add posts on our facebook page too!

# CONFIRMATION

# WE HAVE A DATE FOR CONFIRMATION! The confirmandi (students) who have

- 1. completed their preparation classes,
- will attend their retreat on Saturday, September 6th at Our Lady of the Lakes Church from 9:00 -11:00 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.

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 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.



Enrollment is Now Open!

Enroll in the New England Catholic Biblical School to study all 73 books of the Bible! Unlock the meaning and purpose of your life! In-person and online Classes begin September 6, 2025 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

NOTE: New England Catholic Biblical School will offer two Year One sessions at Prince of Peace in Woodbury: Mondays at 10 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. You can do in-person or online. If interested, contact NECBS at 860-913-2651

# **THIS WEEK' READINGS:**

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42 Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5 -6/Mt 12:38-42 Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30 Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2 -3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13





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