# St. Francis Xavier Parish November 16, 2025



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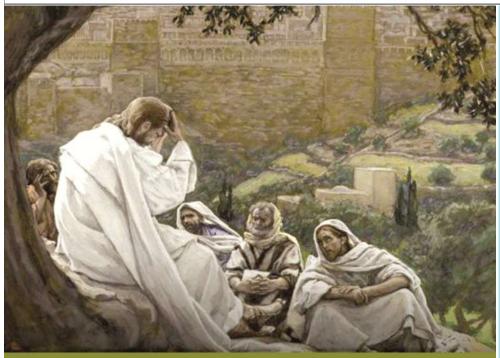
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**Mailing Address & Office Location** 

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# 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

"Con esto darán testimonio de mí.

Grábense bien que no tienen que preparar de antemano su defensa, porque yo les daré palabras sabias, a las que no podrá resistir ni contradecir ningún adversario de ustedes". - Lc 21, 13-15

## **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 15 ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + for the deceased members of

our Parish

SFX: 5:00 PM + Emilio Olabarrieta & the VIGIL deceased members of the Field family

Requested by Annette Field

**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 16 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 

**OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Dennis Hovland

Requested by Peter & Kathy Vermilyea

SFX: 10:00 AM + Patrick J. Maguire Requested by the Maguire family

**OLPH:** 10:00 AM + Romeo Clavette

Requested by his daughter, Diane Locke

SFX: 11:30 AM+ Jose Abraham Sanango, Maria en Español Guadalupe Fernandez, Juana

Delfina Quintuna, Emperatriz Calle & Angel Oswaldo Sanango

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 17 ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS

SFX: 8:30 AM + Victoria Sy

Requested by the Garcia family

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 18
THE DEDICATION OF THE BASICILICAS
OF STS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESE, VIRGIN OLOL: 8:30 AM For the special intention of

Divina Aves

Requested by the McCann family

**WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 19** 

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + Bill Shemeley

Requested by the Lector Ministry

THURSDAY - NOVEMER 20

**OLOL:** 8:30 AM + William Peterson

Requested by Denis & Judy Larkin

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 21

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + Barbara Lindner

Requested by her family

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 22 ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN & MARTYR

SFX: 8:30 AM + for the deceased members of

our Parish



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

Mary Doherty Wayne Inness



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

Anne Samoska

Requested by:

Bob & Adrienne Coppola



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.

Now, more than ever, won't you come and pray with us?

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY — THE SUGGESTED DONATION FOR ALL MASS CARDS IS NOW: \$15. FOR BOTH WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND for all Churches in the Archdiocese of Hartford!

The Sanctuary Candle cards at all our Churches are \$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!



ATTENTION: Please note that the Our Lady of Perpetual Help office in 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.

# 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".

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; click on bulletin—link to bulletin page 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

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

If you would like to have any events/happenings posted on any of our sites, please contact Lorraine, our Communications liaison at: llaranetto@sfxnewmilford.org

La página web de la Parroquia de San Francisco Iavier está en

http://sfxnewmilford.org/ 0 descargue la aplicación

para que pueda recibir todos los avisos de anuncios, incluido el \*boletín.

\*También puede ir al \*sitio web; Haga clic en Boletín: enlace a la página del boletín y regístrese para recibir el boletín por correo electrónico. ¡Gracias!

Envíe un mensaje de texto con la aplicación al 88202 para descargar nuestra aplicación parroquial:

- 1) Descargue la aplicación myParish
- 2) Seleccione nuestra parroquia después de la apertura

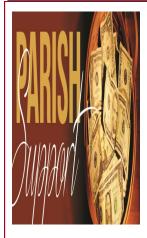
La parroquia también tiene un:

página de Facebook; **Parroquia de San Francisco Xavier, New Milford CT** 

\*Sitio web; www.sfxnewmilford.org

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Si desea que se publiquen eventos / acontecimientos en cualquiera de nuestros sitios, comuníquese con Lorraine, nuestro enlace de comunicaciones al: llaranetto@sfxnewmilford.org



# OUR COLLECTION TOTAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

11/9/25 \$ 6,157.00

October Online Giving: \$5,886.95

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Collection: Weekly: \$ 973.00 Military Svcs. \$ 382.00

Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA: \$1,876.00



A "new" second collection for the weekend of, 11/22 & 11/23 is for the

Vocations Collection for the Archdiocese of Hartford

(we do not have envelopes, but the basket will be passed.

Please put your check or cash in any envelope with your ID

# on it or name & address for credit)

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

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, November 16th. 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!



Mon.,11/17 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Portuguese Rosary 5 pm—OLOL Church
Choir Practice 7 pm SFX Church
Choir Practice - en Español - 7 pm
SFX Church hall

Tues., 11/18 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church Knights of Columbus - 7 pm - SFX C/H

Wed., 11/19 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Christmas Pageant music rehearsal -6:30—8:30 pm OLOL Church

Thurs., 11/20 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 tryouts—
6:00—7:00 pm OLOL Church
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm OLOL Church
Choir Rehearsal (Sun., 10am) - 7 pm
SFX Church

Fri., 11/21 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church

Sat., 11/22 Mass - 8:30 am - SFX Church Holiday Fair 10:00 am—6:00 pm -St. Francis Xavier Church hall Baptisms - 1 pm - SFX Church Confirmation 1:30 pm St. Joseph's Cathedral—Hartford Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church

Sun., 11/23 Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church Reconciliation 8:30—9:45 am P/C Rosary - 9:30 am OLPH Church Mass - 10 am - SFX Church Mass - 10 am OLPH Church Mass - 11:30 am SFX Church en Español Holiday Fair following Masses at SFX





# KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT 2026-2027

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 6:00 - 6:45 pm

(Open to new and current families)

Please visit www.stmarybethelct.org to register or contact
Geraldine Henn, Enrollment Director at
admissions@stmarybethelct.org

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The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold their next meeting THIS Monday, November 17th at 1:00 pm at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center. ALL women of the Parish are welcome, just bring your needles (we will supply the yarn).

Any questions call Maura Pauli at 860-690-1882.

# SAVE THE DATE

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WILL BE PRESENTED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 1:00 PM AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CHURCH.



A FLYER WITH DETAILS WAS SENT HOME WITH THE STUDENTS IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TRYOUTS WILL BE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH FROM 6:00—7:00 PM AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CHURCH FOR SPEAKING PARTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1—6. WE WILL ALSO HAVE NON SPEAKING PARTS FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN IN PRE K—KINDERGARTEN (AND THOSE WHO ARE SHY). PLEASE NOTE IF THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN TO FILL THE PARTS THERE WILL BE NO PAGEANT.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL KAREN AT 860-354-5372.

AND IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MUSIC PLEASE CONTACT MR. FITZGERALD AT 203-788-5268





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

\*SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM AND
\*SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
NOVEMBER 16th
\*MONDAY 6—7:15 PM
NOVEMBER 17th

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 7TH

\*MONDAY 6—7:15 PM DECEMBER 8TH

\*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 4 children on Sunday, 11/16 and Monday, 11/17.

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 <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!

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

Asegúrese de <u>agregar</u> la dirección de correo electrónico de Karen para recibir sus correos electrónicos.

Todas las comunicaciones se envían por correo electrónico y se publican en este boletín y se publican en la aplicación.

También agregaremos publicaciones en nuestra página de Facebook e Instagram, jasí que únase a nosotros!

### RECONCILIATION CATCH UP

A letter and email for those students in grades 3—9 that need to do their First Confession was sent out.

Your make up class is Sunday, November 23rd from 8:30—9:45 am at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center 1 Elm St.

You must attend all the preparation classes in order to make your sacrament.

Any questions call Karen.

### RECONCILIACIÓN PARA PONERSE AL DÍA

Una carta y un correo electrónico para aquellos estudiantes en los grados 3-9 que necesitan hacer su primer Se envió una confesión.

Sus clases de recuperación son el domingo 23 de noviembre de 8:30 a 9:45 am en el St. Francis Centro Parroquial Xavier 1 Elm St.

Debes asistir a todas las clases de preparación en para hacer su sacramento. Cualquier pregunta llame a Karen. 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

# **PONATIONS**

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 considerarpos

## THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

(see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62 -63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk

18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-

7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd,

5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6,

14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6,

16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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