

St. Francis Xavier Parish

September 7, 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



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?
... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

"Porque, ¿quién de ustedes, si quiere construir una torre, no se pone primero a calcular el costo, para ver si tiene con qué terminarla?"

Así pues, cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todos sus bienes, no puede ser mi discípulo". - Lc 14, 28. 33

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SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 6

SFX: 8:30 AM + Luis Padilla

Requested by his family

SFX: 5:00 PM + Fred Beaulieu

VIGIL Requested by his loving family

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 7

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOL: 8:30 AM + Michael Sweeney

Requested by Tom & Ruth Sweeney

SFX: 10:00 AM + Gene Schilling

Requested by Schilling family

OLPH: 10:00 AM +

Requested by

SFX: 11:30 AM + Por los miembros de la

en Español Parroquia de San Francisco Javier,
vivos y difuntos

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 8

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SFX: 8:30 AM + Maryellen Whitfield

Requested by her husband

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 9

SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

LOL: 8:30 AM + John Hickey

Requested by his family

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 10

SFX: 8:30 AM + Dr. David Lynch

(Happy Birthday in Heaven)

Requested by his loving family

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 11

LOL: 8:30 AM + For the victims of 9/11 & their
families and friends

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 12

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

SFX: 8:30 AM + In loving memory of the

Deceased members of the Cirillo, Croke &
Pagano families

Requested by Kathleen & Nicole

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 13

**SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

SFX: 8:30 AM + Luis Padilla

Requested by his family

IN MEMORIAM

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

Minneapolis children

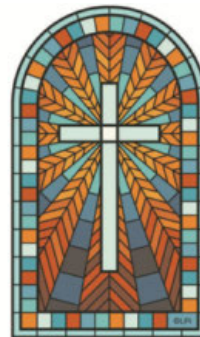


**The Sanctuary Candle
at St. Francis Xavier
Church
burns in Memory of:**

**Robert Murphy
(6th anniversary)**

Requested by:

His family & friends



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

Jeanne Kelly

Requested by:

The Family



**at St. Francis Xavier Church
are being given for:**

**Julio & Rosa Ordonez on this their 6th
Church wedding anniversary**



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.

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.

All men and women of our parish are invited to a **RETREAT AT LOURDES OF LITCHFIELD** on Tuesday, September 23rd from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

10:00 am Refreshments and Jean Suddaby will tell her faith story

11:00 a.m. - Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Thomas Barry

12 Noon - Lunch (soup, sandwiches, dessert)

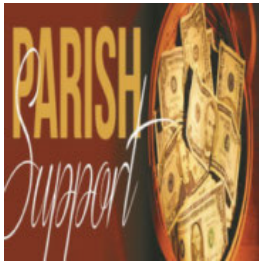
1:00 p.m. - Msgr. Barry will share his life story as a priest

The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is sponsoring this event. Space is limited. Confirm your reservation by calling Jean at 860-868-2522. The cost is \$20.00 which must be received by September 14th. Make checks payable to OLPH Women's Guild (non-refundable).



El próximo 6 de Septiembre mayo a las 1 pm, tendremos la clase de preparación para los padres que deseen celebrar el sacramento del Bautismo para sus hijos en español. La clase se lleva a cabo en la iglesia de San Francisco Javier, 26 Chestnut Land Rd. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina. Esta clase de preparación se lleva a cabo con el P. Carlos. Llame a la oficina para inscribirse y si tiene alguna pregunta con anticipación al 860-354-2202.

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, THIS 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.



OUR COLLECTION TOTAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

8/31/25

will be in next weeks bulletin
due to early bulletin deadline.

Our second collection THIS 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 IN OUR PARISH:

- Mon., 9/8 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., 9/9 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church
LHTC clean 9 am SFX Church & hall
Women's Guild 7 pm SFX Church hall
- Wed., 9/10 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
OCIA 7—8:30 pm SFX Church hall
- Thurs., 9/11 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., 9/12 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church
- Sat., 9/13 Mass - 8:30 am - SFX Church
Funeral - 10 am OLOL Church
Baptism 1 pm SFX Church
Baptism 3 pm SFX Church
Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church
Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church
- Sun., 9/14 Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church
Mass - 10 am - SFX Church
Mass - 10 am OLOL Church
Mass - 11:30 am - SFX Church
en Español
Baptism - 12:30 pm - SFX Church



**St. Francis Xavier Churches
Women's Guild**

**First meeting of the 2025-2026 year will be
held this 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) or visit: www.206tours.com/frwashburn

**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 our 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 McBreaity.

**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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MICHAEL O'NEILL AND FR. JASON BROOKS. LC
AS SPEAKERS AND

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER COYNE AND BISHOP
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**OUR 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION,
aka RELIGION CLASSES (CCD)
ARE:**

**SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM
SEPTEMBER 28TH**

**SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 28TH**

MONDAY 6—7:15 PM SEPTEMBER 29TH

**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
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 OCTOBER 5TH

**SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
OCTOBER 5TH**

MONDAY 6—7:15 PM OCTOBER 6TH

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!

**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

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!!!

THIS WEEK' READINGS:

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

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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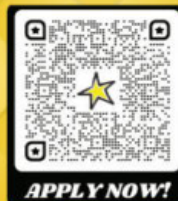


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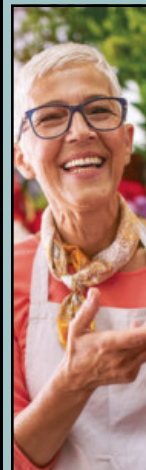
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