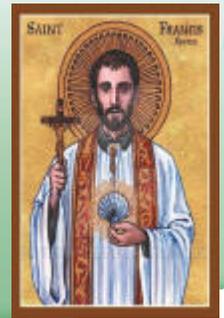


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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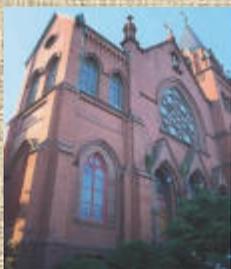
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At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

We extend a warm welcome to all St. Francis Xavier Church visitors, sharing the Liturgy with us today! May you always feel the Lord's peace, love and blessings. If you would like to join our parish, please call the rectory at (203) 756-7804.



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Saturday: September 25th

4:00 p.m. - Margaret Troland †
(St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild)

Sunday: September 26th - 26th Sun. In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - Andrew Lastra †
(wife, Josephine)

Saturday: October 2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels

4:00 p.m. - Elizabeth DiMasso †
(Mary Kowaleswski)

Sunday: October 3rd - 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. - St. Francis Xavier Ladies Guild



Lord, grant eternal rest to the soul of our dearly departed,

HAROLD HURLEY

May the angels carry him to God's holy throne.

May he receive eternal rest.

Eternal rest grant onto him, O Lord...

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

“COMMUNICATION” WORKSHOP

Date & Time: Sunday, October 17th from 1-2 p.m.
Place: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center
733 Oxford Rd. Oxford

Join us to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's, learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. To attend, call (203) 888-2382 ext. 104 or email pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org

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FORE “FACS” GOLF TOURNAMENT

TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS
1 Golf Club Road, Cromwell
Monday, October 18, 2021

FACS - the **Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools** is a local, nonprofit corporation that has supported students and Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford for over 37 years, helping children of all faiths receive an outstanding education. FACS provides scholarships and funds special projects. The Foundation raises money through donations from generous individuals and businesses, special events and planned gifts.

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This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered in loving memory of

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~ Requested by Jim & Carmen

Through the prayers of Mary, virgin and mother, I place in your care those I come to remember...

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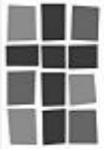
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THIS WEEKEND!



The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing our schools with individual HOPES Grants. These grants help fund vital advances in technology, safety and the marketing and promotion of Catholic schools. Please help us continue to provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by contributing to the 2021 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection this weekend. **Thank you for your support!**

Did you know?... Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Schools never suffered a loss of learning during the pandemic. Our test scores reflect that our 7th graders, the highest grade tested in elementary schools, scored between 1.5 to 5 years above grade level in both math and language arts. Countless testimonials from teachers, students and parents poured in during the peak of the pandemic, thanking the archdiocese and you for our commitment to keeping schools open.

SAVE THE DATE!



The Knights of Columbus, Sheridan Council 24 will host a Pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 17th in Xavier Hall - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Breakfast includes sausage, home fries, juice, coffee, tea. Tickets: \$8 per person. Children under 8 years eat free.



PROCEEDS TO OFFSET THE COST OF NEW COATS

GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

SPEAK

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me."

MARK 9:39



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