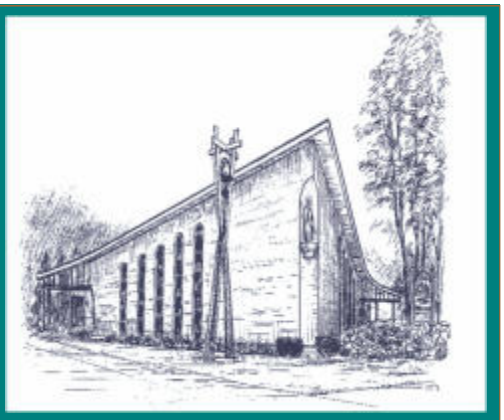

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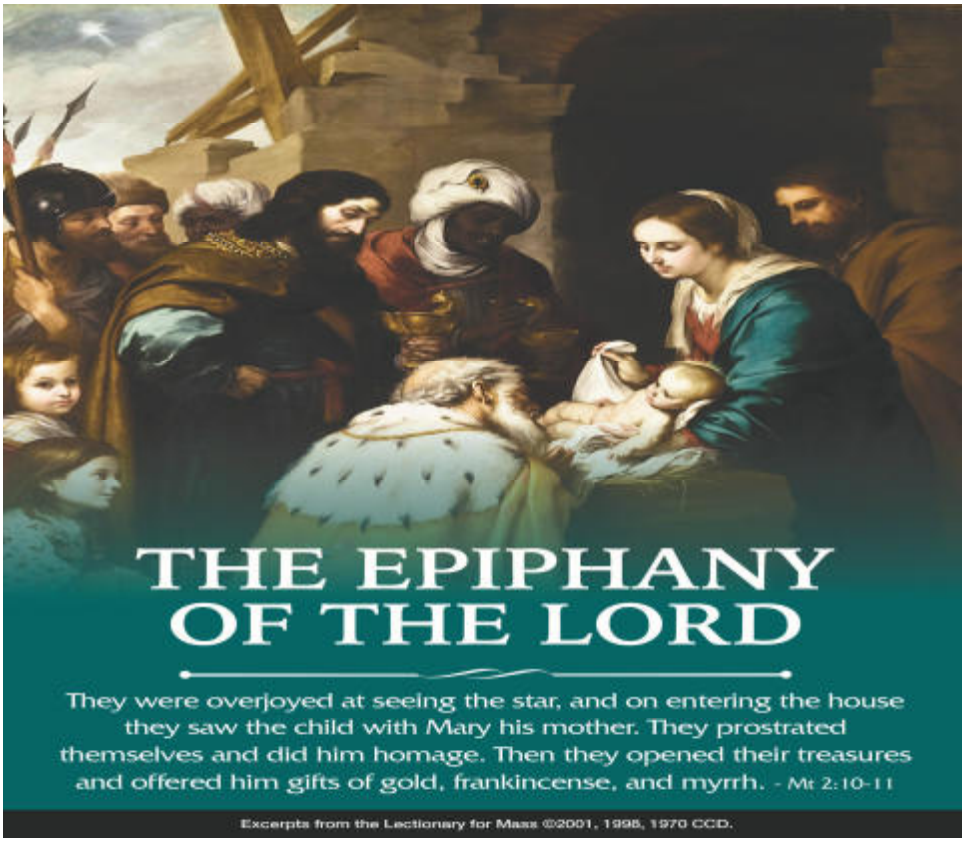


MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30 AND 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday at 6:30 pm **&** Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS
CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
*Additional Confessions on the First Saturday of the month 12 -1 pm

BAPTISMS
Call Parish Office - 860-354-2202.

MARRIAGES
Contact the priest 1 year in advance.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK
The parish clergy and Ministers of Holy Communion visit New Milford Hospital, Candlewood Valley Health & Rehab, Village Crest Center for Health & Rehab and some homebound regularly. For other specific visits, please contact the Parish Office.

WELCOME
We are glad you are here.
If you would like to join the parish, please call the parish office.

PRAYER LINE
For the phone please call 860-354-2202
For email please send to: prayerline.sfx@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
SATURDAY VIGIL - January 2
5:00 P.M. + Peter Jennings
Requested by his wife & daughter

Epiphany of the Lord
SUNDAY - January 3
7:30 A.M. + Kathleen "Kathy" Fitzsimmons
Requested by her friends at St. Francis Xavier Church

10:00 A.M. + Dominic & Catherine Iovino
Requested by Tom & Cathy Valedes

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
MONDAY - January 4 - No scheduled Mass

Saint John Neumann, Bishop
TUESDAY - January 5
6:30 P.M. + Paulyne Lynch
Requested by Cindy Lynch

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
WEDNESDAY - January 6
8:00 A.M. + Thomas McPhillips
Requested by Colm Farrell & family

Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest
THURSDAY - January 7
5:00 P.M. + Margaret Croke
Requested by Pat & Dave Nicholas

FRIDAY - January 8
8:00 A.M. + Jim Hyland
Requested by the St. Francis Xavier Morning Rosary Group

SATURDAY VIGIL - January 9
5:00 P.M. + James & Geraldine Matts
Requested by Jo DeCosa

Baptism of the Lord
SUNDAY - January 10
7:30 A.M. + Kathy Carroll
Requested by Blanche & Bob Stewart & Family

10:00 A.M. + Nancy & John Valedes
Requested by Tom & Cathy Valedes

IN MEMORIAM

St. Francis Xavier sends a final farewell to our dearly departed:

Jackie O'Neill
Andrea Casteen
Priscilla M. Nelson

Baptism

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome:

Sofia Elizabeth Sanchez
and
Carter James Bryan

The Memorial Window is lit in memory of:

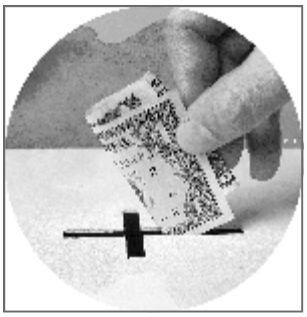
Paulyne Lynch

Requested by:

Cindy Lynch

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Will be held at St. Francis Xavier on the odd months (January, March, May, July, September and November), following the Friday 8:00 am Mass.
And it will be held at Our Lady of the Lakes on the even months (**February**, April, June, August, October and December), following the Friday 9:00 am Mass.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



OUR COLLECTION TOTAL (INCLUDES MAIL-INS AND THE COLLECTION BOXES) FOR THE WEEK ENDING

12/20/2020 is: $3,567.00

Christmas Flowers: $1,072.00

12/27/2020 is going to be published in the 1/10 bulletin

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.

Please note that you may sign up for ***Online Giving** or bring to Mass with you and put in our **new collection boxes. Note; for those who wish to go in and pray individually during limited daily open hours (7:00 am - 3:00 pm). Or you may also mail in your envelopes 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. Please feel free to call the office (860-354-2202) should you have any questions. Your continued support is so very much appreciated.

Thank you and God bless you!!

*How Do I Get Started?

1. Visit our parish website.
2. Click on the Online Giving link.
3. Click on the Create New Account link.

It's that simple!

Thank you!!

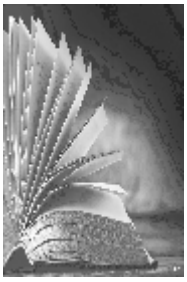
Thank you very much for the World Mission Sunday contribution of $1004. from the people of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

United with Catholics throughout the world on World Mission Sunday, your parishioners answered their baptismal call, "Here I Am, Send Me," growing ever stronger their support of the work and witness of the Mission Church. Their assistance helps to bring God's love, hope and peace to all His children-especially the poor who have suffered most throughout this pandemic crisis.

Year-round connection with the Mission Church is available through MISSIO. At www.missio.org, you and your parishioners can connect directly with those change-makers on the front lines of mission.

Once again, I express my gratitude for all you do to encourage a missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among your parishioners. Be assured of a remembrance in my prayers.

Sincerely, Reverend Monsignor James A. Shanley



MISSALETTES

The Breaking Bread with Daily Mass Propers for 2021 is available for purchase. They are available at the Church in the back by the glass doors OR you may come to the office to buy your copy. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9am - 5pm. The cost is $7. (if paying by check please make it payable to St. Francis)
Please call with any questions 860-354-2202.

Saint Francis Xavier Turns 150 Years Old!!

Saint Francis Xavier turns 150 years old this year. We are planning ways in which to celebrate. With God's grace, let's work together to make it a great celebratory year! **We would like your input and help.** Please plan to attend a **brain-storming and planning meeting in the parish hall after the 10 am Mass on January 17th where we will share our ideas with you and hear from you.** We will wear masks and be social distanced. We hope to see you then! Please contact Parish Council President Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle with any questions: Dmcoboyle@aol.com

SOCIETIES/MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Pastoral Council President - Donna Marie Cooper-O'Boyle - dmcoboyle@aol.com

Liturgical Ministries:
Altar Servers - Peter Tagley 860-868-7821
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Al Gambone 860-946-9776
Greeters - Noreen Fanella - nafanella@att.net 860-355-2625
Lectors - Barbara Mullen 860-354-6436
Music Ministers - Michael Fitch 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass
Tina Oviatt 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass,
*Christian Martirano 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
Ushers - Herman Izzard 860-354-0430

Prayer/Catechetical/Service Ministries:
Confraternity of the Rosary - First Monday - Noon, Church Hall
Greeting Card Ministry - email: thoughtfulmessages.sfx@gmail.com
Knit for Life - please contact the office for further information
Knights of Columbus - Frank Greco 860-799-5148
Lay Missionaries of Charity - Joan Kick 860-354-1323
Maintenance Ministry - Tom and Cathy Valedes 914-912-1432 or 860-488-3126
Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Thurs., **1 pm** Church Hall
Parish Prayer Line - phone 860-354-2202 OR
Email: prayerline.sfx@gmail.com
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Jo DeCosa 860-355-0342
Pro-Life Ministry -
R.C.I.A. - Robert & Barbara Mullen 860-354-6436
Women's Guild - Second Tuesday of Month - 7 p.m., Church Hall

Outreach Ministries:
Beautification Committee - Joe Caruso 860-355-0670
Community Garden Ministry - Steve Pullen 860-354-2202
Mass Taxi - need a free ride to Mass? Mark Speede 860-210-0289
Martha & Mary Community Care - Chris Grenier 860-354-2202
Meals Ministry - Chris Grenier 860-354-2202
Affiliated Groups:
Boy Scout Troop 66 -
Cub Scout Pack 66 - Chairman - Robert Oram 203-942-1254
Cub Master - Kevin Ford - 860-350-2193

VOLUNTEERS

We have received a request from the Public Health Department for volunteers who can be called on in case extra help is needed for vaccines. You would be asked to donate your time and be able to help out at drive-through vaccination sites.
No dates, times or places have been set (as approval is still pending). The distribution and administration processes are complicated and the number required is unknown. But plans need to begin.
So if you feel this is something your are interested in, please call the office (860-354-2202) and we will take your information down or email justintstack@gmail.com with questions. Please remember we are gathering information for the pre-plan stage.
Many thanks,
Justin

Knights of Columbus

Was there Saint born in Waterbury? Probably so, considering Father McGiveny was just beatified in the middle of a global pandemic. This is a fitting tribute to the founder of the Knights of Columbus, since during an 1890 global pandemic, Fr. McGiveny himself died while caring for the sick. His vision lives on with the KOC's focus on charity, unity and fraternity.
Unheard of in a pre-Vatican II church, "Blessed: Fr. McGiveny was a modern-day visionary priest who had the foresight to involve the laity. Due to the lack of any established safety nets, the KOC was formed to provide for the families of dead immigrant workers, which helped them remain united to the church.
Whether it is 1890 or 2020, the KOC mission remains the same. We are focused on helping the marginalized of our society. In the late 19th century, this mission included widows, orphans, immigrants, the imprisoned and the poor. In a very similar way, we are still focused on helping those marginalized in today's society.
The KOC is in need of mend and their families to continue the work of charity, unity and fraternity as lay minister of the church. Involving the laity in our church is more important now than ever before. We are the strength of the modern church. There is strength in unity to help those in need.
For more information about our local council of the Knights of Columbus, please contact Frank Fanella via email at frank.fanella@att.net, or via phone 860-355-2625.

2020

Due to the current conditions we did not do the formal Christmas tree tags as we have done in the past. We made contributions to each of the NINE community agencies, so all still received a gift (note in 2019 we helped 561 individuals). SO in keeping everyone's safety in mind we purchased through local area businesses gift cards or made donations so that items could be purchased. This all went through our Martha & Mary Community Care program here at St. Francis Xavier. If you would like to make a contribution to help offset the costs, we would greatly appreciate and use every dollar received. **Please keep in mind that though Christmas is over; we will soon be getting requests for help with rent, electric, food, etc. as some of the aid has run out or will soon.** All contributions can be mailed to St. Francis Xavier 1 Elm St. New Milford, CT 06776 ATTN: Martha & Mary. All checks should be made out to St. Francis Xavier and please indicate Martha & Mary in the memo. Please call Chris in the office at 860-354-2202 with questions.

Vocation Reflection

The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts do you have to give? Is God calling you to be a priest, brother or sister? Call, **Fr. Michael Casey,** Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, Tel 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

The Celebration of the Eucharist:
The daily Mass is broadcast live Monday through Friday and on tape delay on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am on WCCT-TV & WCTX-TV (My TV9).
It can also be viewed Saturday & Sunday at 5 am on WCCT-TV.
The Mass from ORTV can also be found streaming live at these times on http://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm.

Sunday Mass AND Holy Day of Obligation - Archbishop Blair has dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass and Holy Day of Obligation for every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Hartford, this dispensation will continue through *Tuesday, February 16, 2021.*

SUBSTITUTES:
Adults and teens are YOU able to help substitute teach or assist in a Faith Formation classroom??

Sundays from 8:30 - 9:45 am grades K - 8
Sundays from 11:15 am - 12:30 pm grades K - 8
Mondays from 6:00 - 7:15 pm grades 2 - 8
Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:15 grades 3 & 5

Sundays from 11:30 am - 12:45 pm grades 9 & 10
Mondays from 6:30 - 7:45 pm grades 9 & 10

REMEMBER CLASSES ONLY MEET ONCE A MONTH. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THIS.

Text **App** to **88202 to download our parish app:**
1) Download **myParish App**
2) Select our Parish after opening

The Archdiocese of Hartford has a Facebook page too; as well as their website.

Every week we have an Intergenerational website that is updated weekly focused on the upcoming Gospel. There are video reflections for all ages, kids thru adults. This is part of our new blended program. There are even family challenges that you can participate in. Make this part of your weekly routine.

www.sfxfaithformation.org

Search Facebook for **"St. Francis Xavier Daily Seeds of Faith"**
The goal of this page is to be an additional outreach to our parish family & anyone looking for Spiritual resources especially during this time of social distance. It will be updated daily & there will be faith sharing & opportunities for reflection, meditation, thoughtful videos to nurture our Faith & more. We welcome engagement and sharing of the content.

FOOD DRIVE -
sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus Council #40
By donating one can of food per day, we can raise hundreds or even thousands of pounds of food to help support the needs of our New Milford brothers and sisters. Although the emphasis is on canned goods; any and all types of food are welcome. Monetary donations are also welcomed since they allow for the purchase of necessary items that may be in short supply. A collection table is located in the back of the Church. The Church will be open 7:00 am - 3:00 pm daily so that individuals can still come and pray as they drop off their items. If you are able to donate you may do so during that time, or you may bring your donation with you and drop off before or after Mass on the weekend, PLEASE BE GENEROUS. Items collected will be donated to Loaves & Fishes and also to the Social Services Food Bank to help our many families affected by these trying times. Thank you and may God continue to bless us all.

Faith FORMATION

860-354-5372 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
OFFICE HOURS MONDAY - THURSDAY

We are just a phone call, email or text away. Take care, stay safe and healthy and God bless.

Sunday, January 10th 8:30 - 9:45 am grades K - 8

Sunday, January 10th 11:15 am - 12:30 pm grades K - 8

Monday, January 11th 6:00 - 7:15 pm grades 2 - 8

Wednesday, January 13th 4:00 - 5:15 pm grades 3 & 5

Sunday, January 24th 11:30 am - 12:45 pm grades 9 & 10

Monday, January 25th 6:30 - 7:45 pm grades 9 & 10

PARENTs
Please watch this year's Orientation message on YOUTUBE. In the search you can plug in St. Francis Xavier Faith Formation Orientation 2020 OR youtube.com/watch?v+brzqzMiOwY for grades K - 8.

Please watch this year's Orientation message on YOUTUBE. In the search you can plug in St. Francis Xavier Faith Formation Confirmation Orientation 2020 OR https://youtu.be/Dok-44yv1Rs this is for Grade 9 & 10.

ORIENTATION FOR KINDERGARTEN: PART TWO
https://youtu.be/nm69RuTnHig

ORIENTATION FOR GRADES 1 - 5: PART TWO
https://youtu.be/3drKEmddVyY

ORIENTATION FOR GRADES 6 - 8: PART TWO
https://youtu.be/xsm_06mxU,Gc

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION YEAR ONE & TWO
*Mass attendance on Saturday or Sunday or watch online. You can to go Mass with Pope Francis, Archbishop Leonard Blair or Fr. Mike Schmidtz, etc. There are lots of options if you look. By attending online you can receive Spiritual Communion. (We have the dispensation until Tues., Feb. 21, 2021 and at that time it will be re-evaluated).
*10 hours of creative service to OTHERS (minimal). You can rake leaves, donate to the food bank, write cards to the homebound, donate a Christmas gift or gift card. Keep watching and looking for opportunities to help others safely and share your ideas too.
Please call the office for any absence.

We have added a page to our website (www.sfxnewmilford.org)

Parents Resources
To get to these pages you have to enter them in the search bar, click, scroll down and click again on the subject.
Follow postings on our Facebook page too.

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