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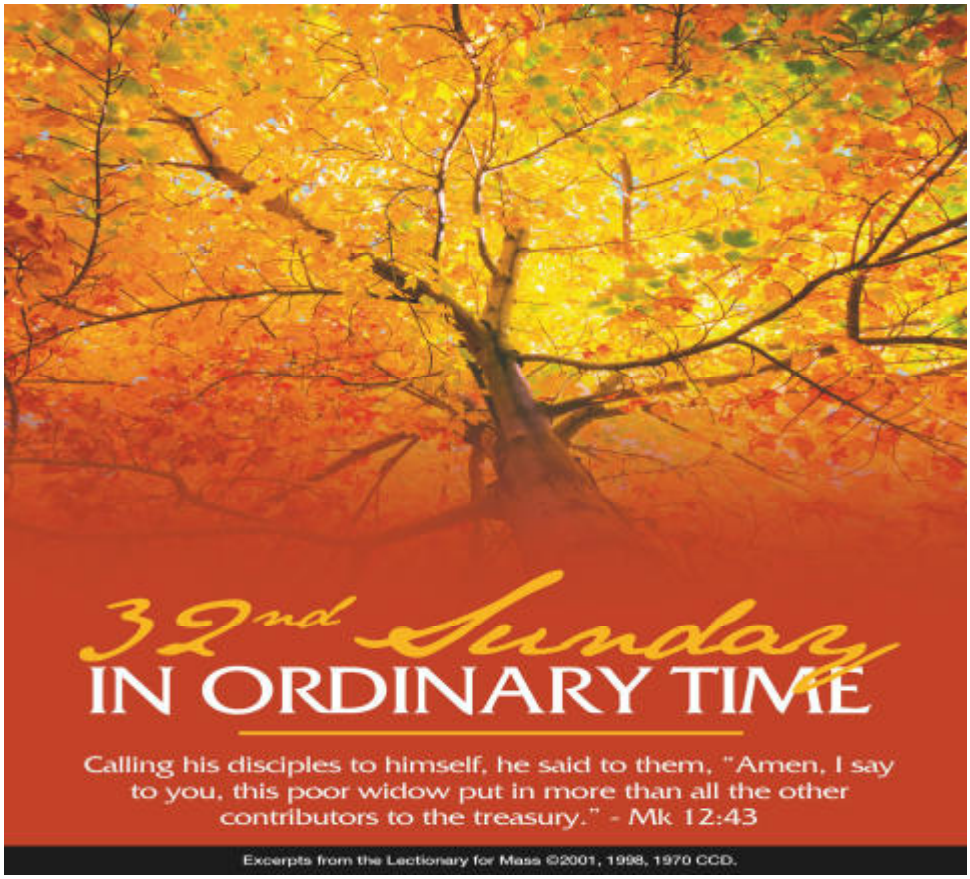


MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30 AND 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday at 6:30 pm **&** Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 am

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

SATURDAY VIGIL - NOVEMBER 6
5:00 P.M. + George E. Gill
Requested by Judy & John DeAlessio

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daylight Savings Time
National Vocations Awareness Week begins
SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 7
7:30 A.M. + Nancy Yie
Requested by Susanne Zencey & Robin Pietz

10:00 A.M. + James "Jimmy" W. Reynolds & his daughter, Erin
Requested by their family

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 8 -- No scheduled Mass

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 9
6:30 P.M. + George William & Mary Ellen Barta
Requested by the Barta family

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 10
8:00 A.M. For the special intentions for Danielle Sausto-Lima
Requested by Lynne & Phil Sausto, Rita Capodieci, the Isquith family & the Lynch family

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Veteran's Day
THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 11
6:30 P.M. + The Bopp family
Requested by the Barta family

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 12
8:00 A.M. + The Horan family
Requested by the Barta Family

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
SATURDAY VIGIL - NOVEMBER 13
5:00 P.M. + George E. Gill
Requested by Judy & John DeAlessio

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stewardship Sunday
SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 14
7:30 A.M. + Nancy Gawel
Requested by JoAnn & Gene Calarco

10:00 A.M. + Roger Burns
Requested by the Price family

IN MEMORIAM

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

Mark Lathrop
Bill Manton
Kerry L. Tahan

We Welcome Through The Sacrament of:

Lenny Michael Chavez and
Anthony Dariel Uyaguari

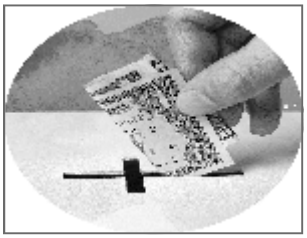
The Sanctuary Candle Burns in Memory of:

Serge Grenier
(1st anniversary)

Requested by:
His brother, Marcel & family

THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32



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

10-31-2021
$ 3,679.00

All Souls/Saints: $ 700.00

HELP!!!!

We are looking for someone to REDO or update our current webpage site. If you would like to volunteer your time and talent to help us get this project off the ground, please call the office. Thank you!!

2021 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

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

We rely upon ALL of our families to support our parish through the use of offertory envelopes or *online giving at weekly Mass. If you currently do not, but would like t o receive envelopes, please call 860-354-2202 or stop in the Parish office.

OR please sign up for *Online Giving or bring your donation 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 needed and 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!

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.

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.

We have restored the Sign of Peace to our Liturgy. If you would like to acknowledge your friends and neighbors with a wave or nod, as we will still continue to refrain from any handshakes or hugs.
Also we have installed touchless holy water fonts courtesy of Bill & Debbie McLachlan in the Church. Just extend your hand/palm underneath the font and holy water will fall in drops.
Fr. Gerry

Saint Francis Xavier 150th Anniversary Year News #9

By Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

We had left off in our history articles at the time when the Reverend Francis Heavren, whom had arrived at St. Francis Xavier parish in 1957, was earnestly hoping for a new sanctuary. During his tenure, a building fund was put into place and parishioners arranged summer festivals as a way to raise funds. Everyone, especially the St. Francis Xavier families enjoyed the homespun summer festivals and looked forward to the festivities every year. Funds continued to grow for the parish

The Reverend Robert Sanders, a native of New Haven, came to St. Francis Xavier in 1965. Father Sander's New Haven parish, St. Patrick was torn down and the parish dissolved due to a New Haven redevelopment program. Before coming to St. Francis Xavier, Fr. Sanders worked with Spanish-speaking people in Hartford, Meriden, and New Haven.

A few short years after getting settled at St. Francis Xavier, in July of 1968, the site of our present St. Francis Xavier parish was purchased by Fr. Sanders and the property downtown on the green was offered to the town for parking space which was much-needed.

The Reverend John G. Weaver, a native of Hartford became Assistant Pastor of St. Francis Xavier. It was his first assignment.

An Ecumenical Service was held at St. Francis Xavier on January 18, 1967, with a warm welcome given by Fr. Sanders. Reverend Readus Watkins, the pastor of the New Milford Methodist preached the sermon.

Finally, it was decided that a Parish Council should be instituted. It was the first in the history of St. Francis Xavier. The very first meeting was held on October 31, 1968.

In April, 1969, Fr. Sanders initiated a new fund drive. He was intent on someday, in the not too distant future, that they could break ground for the new St. Francis Xavier church that we now know so well. He was assisted by an unflagging, determined committee, with much help from parishioners, former parishioners, and friends. The fund raising campaign was extremely successful.

Father Sanders was committed to putting in the time, planning, and supervision necessary for the construction of the new St. Francis Xavier Parish.

We will leave it here for now and will learn more in our next segment about a huge dream realized in the construction of St. Francis Xavier Church.

God bless you!

St. Francis Xavier 150th Anniversary!

**** 150th Christmas Ornament is available for purchase for $12. After all Masses and in the Church office too!***

Prayer Shawls are available!!

Please contact the office if you want one. They are for adults (young and not so young), teens, kids of all ages and newborn.

We have some for everyone. If you know of someone going through a tough time, a happy time or they just need to know someone cares. Consider giving them a handmade prayer shawl.

The Prayer Shawl Committee is dedicated to this special service of healing. Each shawl is blessed by our Pastor.

Give the gift of God's love and comfort.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Saturday 5:00 o'clock AND the Sunday 10:00 am choir are looking for singers; only the 5pm Saturday Mass is looking for instrumentalists too! If you want to join either group, please call the office and let us know of your interest in this ministry. No professional experience required, just a love for music and song.

GIVING TREE

Due to continued conditions we will once again not do the formal Christmas tree tags (we hope and pray to return to this practice next year). We will instead make a financial contribution to each of the NINE community agencies, so that all will still receive a gift or gift card. This will all go through our Martha & Mary Community Care program. If you would like to make a contribution to help us offset the cost, we will accept any and all amounts offered. All contributions can either be mailed to St. Francis Xavier 1 Elm St. New Milford, CT 06776 Attn. Chris or put in the collection box marked to Attn. Chris or dropped off at the office. Please indicate Martha & Mary in the memo. If you have any questions please call me at the office 860-354-2202. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends & are 7 sessions on weekdays from 7 to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening & communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage & learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited & a $100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at https://wwmectw.org/.

Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

Join the Knights of Columbus Council #40 at the VFW Hall on Avery Road on Mondays for a fun game of BINGO!
Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and games start at 6:00 p.m.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY

Confraternity of the Rosary Altar Duty Schedule:

November 5 - 7 Josephine DeCosa / Judy DeAlessio
November 12 - 14 Joy Gaiser / Jeanne Dingee
November 19 - 21 Kathy Hyland / Helen Manizza
November 26 - 28 Maura McPartland / Julie Lebel

HELP!!!!

An update: the family will be in the rental till possibly March as with everything during this pandemic they are encountering delays. So please keep the donations coming so that we can continue to provide help. We have received a few gift cards which have been given to them and they are prioritizing how best to disburse the monies received.

One of ***our*** families had a fire, whereas their house was able to be saved, it is a gut job ALL else was lost. At this time they are in rental housing, while they go through insurance and then the task of rebuilding their home and their lives. They are back at their jobs, but at this time we are looking for donations of grocery store gift cards, retail store gift cards, pharmacy gift cards, gas gift cards and / or restaurant gift cards. These donations may be dropped off at the St. Francis office Monday through Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

NOTE: If any monetary donations are made the Martha and Mary fund will match them (dollar for dollar) and a check will go towards their housing/living expenses.

"The ABCs of Annulment"
Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of St. Margaret Parish, 24 Academy St., Madison, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, will host "The ABCs of Annulment on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 10 am to 12 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above.

Update of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday, January 29th and February 12th & 19th, from 10am to 12 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham and other members of the Annulment Team will be present for the workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

The Celebration of the Eucharist:
The daily Mass is broadcast live Monday through Friday and on tape delay on
Sat. & Sun. at 10:00 am on WCCT-TV & WCTX-TV (My TV9).
It can also be viewed Sat. & Sun. 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.

Faith FORMATION

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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR NOVEMBER:

Sun., Nov. 7 11:15 am - 12:30 pm grades 9 & 10

Mon.. Nov. 8 6:00 - 7:15 pm grades 9 & 10

Sun., Nov. 14 8:30 - 9:45 am grades 1 - 8
Sun., Nov. 14 11:15 am - 12:30 pm grades K - 8

Mon., Nov. 15 6:00 - 7:15 pm grades 1 - 8

Wed., Nov. 17 5:00 - 6:15 pm grades 3 & 4

PLEASE NOTE CLASSES ONLY MEET ONCE A MONTH IN PERSON, SO WE ASK THAT YOU ATTEND, IF YOU CANNOT PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND ON ANOTHER DAY YOUR GRADE LEVEL CLASS MEETS. THANK YOU!!

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION (CCD)
2021 - 2022
HAS TAKEN PLACE.
IF YOU NEED TO REGISTER YOU MUST DO SO ON A MONDAY-THURSDAY FROM 9 AM - 5 PM AT THE PARISH CENTER OR BY PHONE (860-354-2202).
ALL CHILDREN ENTERING GRADE 1 - 10 SHOULD BE ATTENDING (KINDERGARTEN IS AVAILABLE, BUT OPTIONAL.

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 a website.

We need YOU!
The only positions open are for assistants, if you can help PLEASE CALL…there are only 4 classes left

GRADES 4 - 8:
Sunday 8:30 - 9:45 am Grade 4 Assistant
Sunday 8:30 - 9:45 am Grade 5 Assistant
Sunday 8:30 - 9:45 am Grade 6 Assistant
Sunday 8:30 - 9:45 am Grade 7 Assistant
Sunday 8:30 - 9:45 am Grade 8 Assistant

Monday 6:00 - 7:15 pm Grade 8 2 Assistants

CONFIRMATION
Monday 6:00 - 7:15 pm Grade 10 2 Assistants

Please consider coming forward and sharing your Faith and most importantly love of God with the children in our Parish. Classes are held ONCE A MONTH, NOW from November through March (that is only a commitment of 4 classes). We provide all the teaching materials and instruction class. Call the office asap and let us know if you can help or if you have any questions we will be glad to answer them.

We have several service opportunities for our Confirmation (grade 9 and 10) students:

We are also in need of singers and instrumentalists at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass.

Altar Servers are needed at ALL the Masses.

We need assistants in many of our Religion classrooms (see the list in yellow for details).

And our town has many community events upcoming that you may volunteer for.

FOOD DRIVE:

The Knights of Columbus Council #40 is CONTINUING the FOOD DRIVE. Parishioners are encouraged to donate one can of food or other food item weekly. The Food Pantry is in need of the following items: pastas, pasta sauce, soups, hot & cold cereal, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned ravioli & beef stew, canned vegies, canned diced tomatoes, juices, coffee, tea bags, flavored rice and condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo). Parishioners may drop off donations during the week at SFX at the altar area set up

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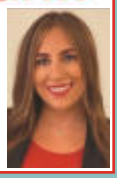

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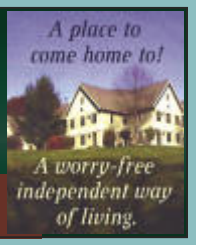

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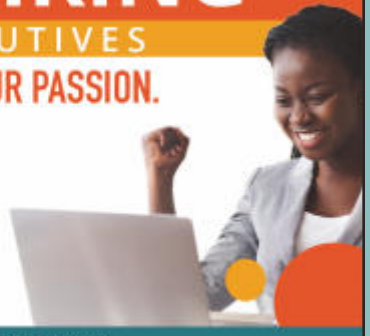

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