St. Francis Xavier Parish
November 28, 2021

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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 27
5:00 P.M. + Emilio Olabarrieta
Requested by his wife

First Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 28
7:30 A.M. + George Manizza (birthday)
Requested by his wife & family

10:00 A.M. + Joseph Kane (9th anniversary)
Requested by Patti & Bob Fisher\
& family

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 29 -- No scheduled Mass

Saint Andrew, Apostle
TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 30
6:30 P.M. For the living & deceased members of the Shugrue & Brennan families
Requested by the Shugrue family

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 1
8:00 A.M. + Brian J. Underwood
Requested by his family

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 2
6:30 A.M. For the living and deceased members of the Barta family
Requested by the Barta family

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
FRIDAY - DECEMBER 3
8:00 A.M. For the repose of the souls of Peter & Martin Jennings
Requested by his wife & his mother

Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
SATURDAY VIGIL - DECEMBER 4
5:00 P.M. + Anthony DeNoris (25th anniversary)
Requested by his daughter, Carol

Second Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY - DECEMBER 5
7:30 A.M. + Mike LoFrumengo
Requested by Dan & Ellen Mullane

10:00 A.M. + Kathleen "Kathy" Fitzsimmons (First Anniversary)
Requested by the staff and her friends at St. Francis Xavier

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.

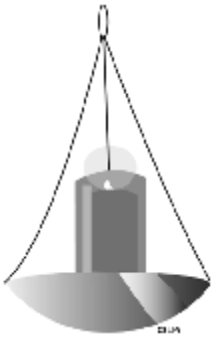
IN MEMORIAM

St. Francis Xavier sends a final farewell to our dearly departed:
Norman Laird
Brian Parker
Peter Starken
Kevin Sheehan

The Memorial Window Is Lit in Memory of:

George Manizza (Birthday)

Requested by: His wife and family

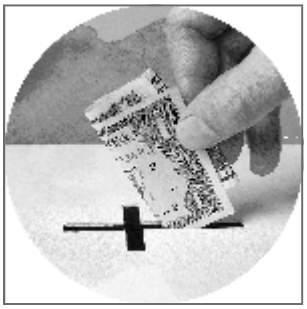


The Sanctuary Candle Burns in Memory of:
Karen Andrews,
Alexander Sprick,
Frances & Eric Koeble,
Ingrid (Koeble) Church,
Inga (Koeble) Phanco
Augusta & Christopher Born
Jeannette & Frederick Sprick
Requested by:
Linda & Tomm Sprick
Edward Noonan

We Welcome Through The Sacrament of:

Jeannila Mirella Montesdeoca-Plasencia
Juliana Naomi Paredes

THIS WEEK' READINGS:
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-3
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



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

11-14-2021
$ 3,033.00
Monthly: $973.00

Totals for 11/21 will be in next weekends bulletin due to early publication deadline.

INNOVATION AND EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

The ***Forward with Faith*** Campaign will support community partnerships and innovative programs that create long-lasting change, strengthen our schools and parishes and meet the evolving needs of the greater community, without consideration to religious faith.
All parishes, schools and ministries will be eligible to apply for this funding for any innovative programs they would like to implement, such as launching a parish website or a marketing campaign to boost school enrollment or parish attendance.
Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in this graced effort and everyone is welcome to approach before or after Mass with any questions you may have. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.
Thank you to all who have given thus far to help make our campaign a success. All gifts to the ***Forward with Faith*** *campaign of any size are greatly appreciated!*
For more information, please visit www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org/forwardwithfaith

FORWARD WITH FAITH

GOAL **300,000**

PLEDGED TO DATE **$121,000**

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.

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!!

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.
If you have questions or concerns you would like to be brought up, please contact Donna-Marie our Parish Council President at Dmcoboyle@aol.com and she will add it to the nights agenda.

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.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

REMEMBER the Fallen...HONOR those who Serve...TEACH our children the value of Freedom.
On December 18th at 12:00 noon, Wreaths Across America, hosted by the Roger Sherman Chapter of the D.A.R., will conduct a remembrance ceremony at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery.
The ceremony coincides with the wreath laying at Arlington National cemetery and is open to all. Ceremonial Wreaths honoring the seven branches of US Military Service and MIA/PO will be placed and attendees are encouraged to bring wreaths to lay on a family gravesites or on veteran gravesites.
For further information contact Katy Francis at 860-354-7137.

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!

Advent Bible Study: The Infancy Narratives.
Together let's prayerfully meditate on the Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth as we experience them anew and enhance our understanding of Salvation History. No prior Bible study experience necessary and the study is free. Choose the session that fits your schedule: Wednesdays: December 1st, 8th and 15th at either 11:00 am - 12:00 noon or 7:00 - 8:00 pm, in the church hall. Jacqui Farrell will present. Sign up sheets are in the hall or contact Chris at the parish office 860-354-2202.

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.

Housatonic Council #40 of the Knights of Columbus is inviting all boys and girls between the ages of 5 - 14 from St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of the Lakes to participate in the organization's international "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest.
The contest will be conducted at both churches with the winning entry from each parish in each age division (5-7, 8-10 & 11-14) receiving a prize of $25. The goal of this program is to increase the awareness of young people's faith, while encouraging them to express their understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.
Contest entry forms and details will be in the back of the Church from Thanksgiving to the contest deadline of December 19th.
Completed posters should be dropped off at the parish office or sent to:
John McDougall 149 Pumpkin Hill Rd. New Milford, CT 06776

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.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus Council #40 will offer the Keep Christ In Christmas pins for $2. and refrigerator/car magnets for $5. They will be available the weekend of November 27th and 28th and again the weekend of December 4th and 5th after all Masses. Or you may stop at the office Monday - Thursday 9am - 5 pm to purchase yours.

Please read the insert for information about our Sarah's Ministry

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.

2021 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

THIS coming Tuesday, November 30th is #givingtuesday! This year, please remember the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal for **#givingtuesday.** As we are entering the **FINAL WEEKS** for the year it is only with ***YOUR*** help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of ***$10 Million!*** This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge - but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. This funding provides support to families and individuals for life's basic necessities: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a place to sleep or a place to turn for guidance and support. The Annual Appeal is one way to share our blessings and express thanks for the blessings with which God has graced us with our neighbors.

Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link ***Reaching Out, Healing Together,*** to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2021 towards this year's Appeal.

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.

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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.

The Pastor and parishioners of St. Francis Xavier offer our most sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus Housatonic Council #40 for the very generous donation of $2000.
It is their way of helping to offset the declining offerings caused by the Corona-virus pandemic.
Once again we thank you for thinking of us during these trying times. May God continue to bless each and everyone of your members.

"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.

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 and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and 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/.
"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all."
Do you want to learn how to love your spouse better? Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Faith FORMATION

860-354-5372
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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR DECEMBER

Sun., Dec. 5 11:15 am - 12:30 pm grades 9 & 10
Mon., Dec. 6 6:00 - 7:15 pm grades 9 & 10

Sun., Dec. 12 8:30 - 9:45 am grades 1 - 8
Sun., Dec. 12 11:15 am - 12:30 pm grades K - 8
Mon., Dec. 13 6:00 - 7:15 pm grades 1 - 8
Wed., Dec. 15 5:00 - 6:15 pm grades 3 & 4

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 THAT YOUR GRADE LEVEL CLASS MEETS. THANK YOU!!

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 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 & sharing your Faith & most importantly love of God with the children in our Parish. Classes are held ONCE A MONTH, NOW from December through March (that is only a commitment of 4 classes). We provide all the teaching materials & instruction class. Call the office asap & let us know 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.

CAMELLA'S CUPBOARD

We are a long way from where we were a year ago. Although many families are doing much better than they were this time last year, there are still many in need. Camella's Cupboard is serving double the numbers we were pre-pandemic.
Thanks to the generosity of those in New Milford, Camella's Cupboard has been able to continue serving families: fresh produce, dairy, meat, eggs, bread and special kid-friendly items, specifically designed to allow children to feed themselves with little to no adult assistance.
We're counting on you to help us continue serving New Milford families with children in need. There are many ways to help - you can donate money or food items; volunteer with us; like and share our social media posts; help us with our holiday collection; or by providing birthday bags or diapers.
Please go to their website: https://camellascupboard.com for more information and specific items needed and dates they will be due.
Donations can be dropped off Tuesday or Thursday from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm or Friday 1:30 - 4:00 pm at 50 East Street at the door in back by the picnic tables.

Another service opportunity is the New Milford Senior Center; go to their website: www.newmilford.org click on "departments" and select "Senior Center" or call 860-355-6075

New Milford Refugee Resettlement group needs volunteers.
Hoping to get some volunteers to help welcome our new refugee family. They will probably be coming later this month and most likely from Afghanistan. Call Saun Ellis with any questions at 203-788-5808 or for a fillable online application for volunteering go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXc5cCkdhpbp9mh4VYSf1lXqiFsv8D6O0T3Zksfz2hkQMgFw/viewform?usp=sf link
Or pick up a flyer on the side of entrances to the Church.

Visit the **Animal Welfare Society** website: www.aws-shelter.org for donation and volunteer opportunities. They are located at 8 Dodd Road here in New Milford.

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

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

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