

St. Francis Xavier Parish

December 1, 2024



St. Francis Xavier Church

St. Francis Xavier Church
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Our Lady of the Lakes Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 p.m. - SFX
Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - OLOL
Sunday at 10:00 a.m. - SFX
Sunday at 11:30 a.m. - SFX - Spanish
Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 am - SFX
Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 am - OLOL

CONFESIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 pm - SFX
Weekdays before or after 8:30 am Mass - SFX or OLOL
Anytime by appointment at SFX rectory (call the office for phone #)

SACRAMENTS: BAPTISMS

Call Parish Office - 860-354-2202.

MARRIAGES

Contact the priest six months in advance by calling the office.

WELCOME

We're glad you're here. If you want to join the parish, call the parish office.




SATURDAY VIGIL - NOVEMBER 30

SFX: 5:00 PM + David DeFriesse

Requested by the Maguire family

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 1

OLOL: 8:30 AM Leyda Carratto

(Happy Heavenly Birthday)

Requested by her daughter & grandkids

SFX: 10:00 AM + Joaquim Fernandes

Requested by his daughter Luisa Amaral & family

SFX: 11:30 AM + Para los vivos y difuntos

Spanish miembros de la parroquia de San Francisco Javier

MONDAY - DECEMBER 2

SFX: 8:30 AM + C. James Kaiser

Requested by Jim & Joan Kick

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 3

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Joseph Pagano

Requested by Kathleen & Nicole

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 4

SFX: 8:30 AM + Anthony DeNoris

Requested by his daughter

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 5

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Marila Ballona

Requested by her nieces

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 6

SFX: 8:30 AM + Joseph Petrini (3rd anniversary)

Requested by his sister, Marie Douglas & family

SATURDAY VIGIL - DECEMBER 7

SFX: 5:00 PM + Emilio Olabarrieta & deceased members of the Field family

Requested by Annette Field

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 8

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Alvine Soucy

Requested by Mrs. Martine Hogan & family

SFX: 10:00 AM + Michael Connolly

Requested by Debbie Poletto

SFX: 11:30 AM + Para los vivos y difuntos

Spanish miembros de la parroquia de San Francisco Javier



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

Marcel Boisvert



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

Daille Allard Varsanik
(3rd Anniversary)Requested by:
Chris Grenier & family

The Memorial Window at
St. Francis Xavier Church
Is Lit in Memory of:

John & Sally Kuck
&
Susanne Smith Mitchell
(1st Anniversary)Requested by:
Richard & Ann Smith

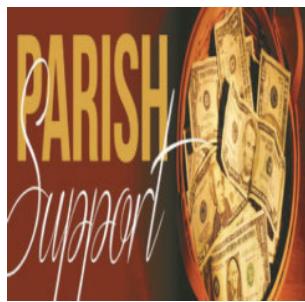

CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO OUR
LADY OF THE LAKES CHURCH ON
DECEMBER 8TH THIS THEIR 34TH YEAR!!

THE SUGGESTED
DONATION FOR ALL MASS CARDS IS:
\$15. WEEKDAY AND \$20. WEEKEND
For Both Churches!

The Sanctuary Candle and
Memorial Window cards are \$15.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

The Mass for the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th at the 8:30 am Mass only at St. Francis Xavier Church (it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year).



OUR COLLECTION TOTAL
FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

11/17/2024
\$ 5,380.00 SFX and
OLOL Churches

Catholic Campaign for Human
Development:
\$ 1,215.00

Collection totals for Sun., 11/24 will be next weeks
bulletin, due to early deadline.

*Our next second collection is Dec. 7 & 8 and will benefit
the Immaculate Conception. .*

*We thank you in advance for your continued generosity
towards our Parish and other endeavors.*

THANK YOU!!

The Our Lady of the Lakes Respect Life Committee would like to extend their gratitude and thanks for the diapers, wipes, outfits, hats, bibs, towels, washcloths, socks, blanket, pacifiers and hat & slipper set that were donated and given to Hopeline in Danbury. Again thank you and God bless!!

Dear Parishioners: FYI, in order for your checks or cash to be recorded for tax purposes, it must be in an envelope with your name and address **OR** Church ID number on it. If you have any questions or if you would like to be put on the envelope list please call the office.

The mailing address for the Parish is:
1 Elm St. New Milford, CT 06776

we also ask that you make checks payable to:
St. Francis Xavier Parish.

BEQUESTS:

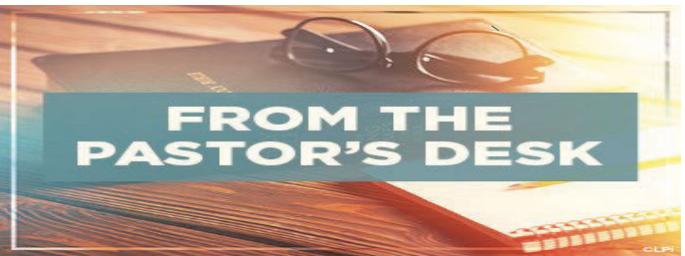
We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have made a bequest to St. Francis Xavier Parish.

These charitable gifts build our parish endowment to help pass on our Catholic faith to future generations.



JO DEcosa IS MOVING AWAY!!

Josephine is moving to live with her daughter in Texas. We will have a going away party for her on Sunday, December 8th from 2:00—4:00 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Church hall. ALL are welcome to stop by, enjoy some food and drink and say goodbye.



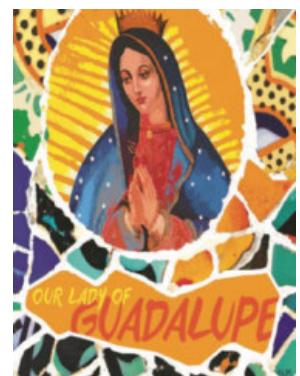
We will be accepting donations of bottles and cans. We now have an account at the Three Veterans Bottle and Can Redemption Center. 100 percent of all donations stays with the Church. You may drop off your items at the Parish Center or **OUTSIDE THE CHURCH HALL BACK DOOR** or you can drop by the Church office for a sticker and bring them to the center yourself. Any questions call Chris in the office at 860-354-2202. Thanks for considering us.



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***Santo Rosario Y Mananitas
en honor a la
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con el mariachi
Voces de Mexico
Miercoles, 11 diciembre, 7pm***



***Celebracion del Divino Nino
Misa y Bendicion
Sabado, 14 diciembre, 6:30 pm***

***ATENCION: La Misa en
Espanol del fin de semana 14-
15 diciembre se celebrara el
sabado, 14 a las 6:30 pm. NO
HAY MISA DE 11:30 am EL
DOMINGO, 15. GRACIAS.***





★ December 14, 2024 ★ National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Roger Sherman Chapter NSDAR
honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at St. Francis
Xavier Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/CT0147P



#LiveWithPurpose



The Knights of Columbus Council #40 is continuing the Food Drive. All donations collected at St. Francis Xavier Church will be donated to Loaves & Fishes. Please drop off your donations in the Church hall at SFX (ask Bob Greco if you have any questions. Donation of reusable bags accepted too!



If you ever thought about being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Deacon Al Gambone. We are in need of EM's for all Masses. We also need EM's to visit parishioners in their homes and our town's facilities. It is a worthy ministry to bring our Lord to those in need. Please pray on it and ask our Lord if you are called to this beautiful ministry. And if you wish to join and only participate at the Church masses, you would be asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass time and check in at the sacristy to let the had usher know your are there and able to serve. Reminder this applies to those who are current Eucharistic Ministers too. Please consider giving your time and talent.

Deacon Al's email is: Deacon.al.sfx@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message for him.

Thank you for considering this blessed ministry.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Archdiocese of Hartford is having the Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 15th, 2025 at **4:00 pm.** (**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE**). The change has been made to ensure that this Mass meets our Sunday obligation.

At the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford. Celebrant will be The Most Rev. Christopher Coyne.

All couples celebrating their first year of marriage or celebrating a milestone year (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50, 55 or in increments from 5 to 60 years) are invited to have their marriage blessed by the Archbishop. Family and friends are also invited to this joyful celebration.

Registration information and resources to invite are available at the Center's website: www.catholicedaohct.org/Anniversary-Mass.

Questions contact: Valerie St. Jean, the Coordinator of Adult & Family Life Ministries at: Valerie.StJean@aohct.org or 860-242-5573 x 2678

Mother Mary's Cupboard

The next Love In Action Sunday is Sunday, Dec. 15th. Donations collected at Our Lady of the Lakes Church will be donated to New Milford Food Bank. Please drop off your donations in the Atrium at OLOL (if you have any questions ask Sal Guagenti).

P.S. We are also in need of reusable bags!



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 the bulletin too!!



RELIGION CLASSES (CCD) ARE:

BREAKING NEWS: THE SUNDAY, DEC., 1ST 8:30—9:45 AM AND 11:15AM—12:30PM CLASSES ARE CANCELLED DUE TO THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. Please do the chapter work on your grade level calendar.

ATTENTION CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 6—7:15 PM DECEMBER 2ND!!

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN GRADES 1ST THRU 5TH THEY SHOULD BRING THEIR BOOKS AND BIBLE WITH THEM TO EACH CLASS.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN GRADE 6TH THRU 8TH THEY SHOULD BRING THEIR BOOKS WITH THEM TO EACH CLASS.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN BE ABSENT PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND LET US KNOW. 860-354-5372. THEY MUST DO THE WORK ON THEIR GRADE LEVEL CALENDAR GIVEN TO THEM AT THEIR FIRST CLASS.

GOD BLESS!!

NEXT CLASSES WILL BE HELD:

SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM DECEMBER 15TH
SUNDAY 11:15AM—12:30PM DECEMBER 15TH

MONDAY 6—7:15 PM DECEMBER 16TH

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW PROGRAM FOR ALL THE CHILDREN CALLED "EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN".

IT WILL BE PRESENTED AS PART OF THEIR REGULAR CURRICULUM DURING THEIR CLASSES BEGINNING IN OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN, OUR FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR.



As winter slowly approaches, the following policy is in place for the 2024-2025 season in regards to delays and cancellations of parish activities.

Weekday daily Mass, Faith Formation classes and events, meetings, gathering, etc. **WILL BE CANCELLED IF NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CANCELLED.**

Sunday Mass will be celebrated unless the Governor declares a State of Emergency.

School delays will NOT affect our schedule, but always call first if you are not sure and of course use your discretion on the road conditions.

We will post notifications on the local channel 3 TV station, our APP and facebook page too!

Giving Tree Donations



We at St. Francis Xavier Church are once again asking everyone to make a financial contribution to our Martha & Mary Community Care program, so that we can assist each of the NINE community agencies in giving out gifts and gift cards for Christmas.

If you would like to make a donation to help us offset the cost, we will accept any all amounts offered. Every dollar counts.

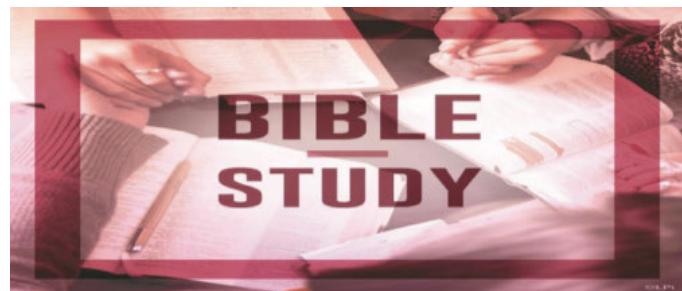
Please mail to: St. Francis Xavier Parish 1 Elm St. New Milford, CT 06776 Attn. Chris or put in the collection baskets to my attention or come and see me in the office Monday through Thursday 9:00 am—5:00 pm.

Any questions call me at 860-354-2202.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity in helping us to help others. God bless!!

Advent Bible Study: Prepare the Way of the Lord.

Using a Little Rock Scripture Study program, we will spend Advent with John the Baptist. No prior Bible study experience necessary, and there is no charge. A free will offering for materials will be appreciated. Wednesdays: December 4, 11, and 18 from 9:30- 11:00 A.M. in St. Francis Xavier Church Hall. Jacqui Farrell will present. Sign up sheets are in the backs of the churches or contact Chris at the parish office: 860-354-2202.



OUR LAKE OF THE LAKES CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 pm, (ensemble to please arrive by 12:00 noon and cast to arrive at 12:30 pm dressed in costume).

Practice date for the Instrumental Ensemble are: Wednesday, December, 4th from 6:30—7:45 pm.

For the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 you must arrive by 3:00 pm.

Any questions please call Susie Carbone at 860-355-8051.

Dress rehearsal is Thursday, December, 5th from 6:00—7:00 pm. Any questions please call Karen at 860-354-5372.

The St. Francis Xavier Parish webpage is up, please go to <http://sfxfnewmilford.org/> OR download the App so that you can receive all notices, including the bulletin and bad weather announcements too.

Thank you!

Text App to 88202 to download our parish app:

- 1) Download myParish App
- 2) Select our Parish after opening
- 3)

The parish also has a Facebook page.

The Archdiocese of Hartford has a Facebook page, website, Instagram and YouTube too!!!



We will also be having a giving tree at Our Lady of the Lakes Church that will support the Danbury Youth Services (which serves ALL the surrounding towns). We have the ornaments available now. The gifts will need to be wrapped and returned to Our Lady of the Lakes by NEXT Sunday, December 8th with the tag attached.

Call Karen at 860-354-5372 with any questions.

Your support touches so many lives. We can all use "A Little Christmas".

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
 Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
 Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/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: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/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

The Celebration of the Eucharist:
The daily Mass is broadcast live Monday through Friday and on tape delay on Saturday & Sunday at 10:00 am on WCCT-TV & WCTX-TV (My TV9).
It can also be viewed Saturday & Sunday at 5:00 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>.

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