

St. Francis Xavier Parish

July 6, 2025



Our Lady of the Lakes Church
Sullivan Road
New Milford CT 06776



St. Francis Xavier Church
26 Chestnut Land Road
New Milford CT 06776



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
34 Green Hill Road
Washington CT 06793



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

"En cualquier ciudad donde entren y los reciban, coman lo que les den. Curen a los enfermos que haya y díganles: 'Ya se acerca a ustedes el Reino de Dios'". - Lc 10, 8-9

**SATURDAY - JULY 5****SAINT ANTHONY ZACCARIA, PRIEST****SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, BVM****SFX:** 8:30 AM + the deceased members of our Parish**SATURDAY VIGIL - JULY 5****SFX:** 5:00 PM + Walter Valditara

Requested by Marcel & Chris Grenier & family

SUNDAY - JULY 6**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****LOL:** 8:30 AM + Vito Pricola

Requested by his daughters & their families

SFX: 10:00 AM + Gary Lucente

Requested by Stephen E. Barone & family

LOL: 10:00 AM + Robert & Elizabeth Field

Requested by the Fitch family

SFX: 11:30 AM + Ramon Robles**en Español** Intención the Reyes Robles family**MONDAY - JULY 7****SFX:** 8:30 AM + In loving memory of the deceased members of the Criollo, Croke & Pagano families

Requested by Kathleen & Nicole

TUESDAY - JULY 8**LOL:** 8:30 AM + Charlene Palmisani

Requested by her beloved husband, Greg

WEDNESDAY - JULY 9**SAINT AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, MATYRS****SFX:** 8:30 AM + Peter & Martin Jennings

Requested by their family

THURSDAY - JULY 10**LOL:** 8:30 AM + Daniel Galusha

Requested by Denis & Judy Larkin

FRIDAY - JULY 11**SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT****SFX:** 8:30 AM For the special intentions of Janice Lorenti

Requested by Marge Francis & Gene & JoAnn Calarco

IN MEMORIAM

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

Anna Smith**Michael T. Hankinson****Patricia Ann Erickson**

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

**Lucia Grenier
(24th anniversary)**

Requested by:**Marcel & Chris Grenier & family****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.

**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.
Also if you wish to purchase the
altar flowers in memory of a loved one,
special anniversary, etc. we can do that
too!**

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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PARISH OFFICE:

Web site: www.sfxnewmilford.org
 Email: sfxparish@sfxnewmilford.org
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 Mon.—Thurs. (**Closed on Friday**)

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St. Francis Xavier Parish Prayer Line Ministry

What is the Prayer Line? - We are a group of men and women who pray for the needs of others for several reasons including (but not limited to) the following: illness, birth, job interviews, moving, death, surgery, disability, difficult situations, job loss and so much more.

How Email Prayer Line Works - Send an email to Chris Grenier at prayerline.sfx@gmail.com stating you would like to be added as a member. Be sure to include your full name, phone number and email address. Once your email address is added to the group, you will receive emails with prayer requests on a weekly basis. If we have several requests, it may be more frequently. We channel all prayer requests through one email address to ensure all members receive the requests, to keep the number of emails members receive to a minimum and to ensure the most up-to-date email list is used.

Some tips for praying for the needs of others:

- * Pray when you can ... whenever your schedule allows.
- * Pray alone, with a friend or with family.
- * Pray in the car or home, mowing the lawn or while cleaning.
- * Feel free to print out the request list and keep it nearby.

Please join our Ministry in praying for the needs of others

How to Make a Prayer Request

You have two choices for adding a request:

Phone Prayer Line- Call Chris Grenier – 860-354-2202 with first name of the person in need and what you would like us to pray for. OR

2.Email Prayer Line - Send an email to prayerline.sfx@gmail.com including the first name of the person in need and what you would like us to pray for. Your request will be included on a list and sent to all Email Prayer Members (currently over 75 members).

We communicate the requests between the email and phone prayer lines to ensure the all of us in both ministries are praying for your request.

Feel free to call us with any questions.
 Thank you and God Bless,

Chris Grenier – Prayer Line Coordinator 860-354-2202
or prayerline.sfx@gmail.com



OUR COLLECTION TOTAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

06/29/2025
\$ 5,461.00 SFX and
OLOL Churches

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$1394. Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence

Our second collection this weekend is for our monthly collection (used to offset utilities).

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

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements. Please respond as generously as your means allow.

WELCOME:

We are so very glad your are here with us. If you want to join the parish, call Chris in the Parish office at 860-354-2202.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 pm at
St. Francis Xavier Church or
anytime by appointment,
call the office to schedule.

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISMS

Call Parish Office - 860-354-2202.

MARRIAGES

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

CALENDAR OF HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

- Mon., 7/7** Rosary—8 am—SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Summer Band - 8:30 am—2 pm -Parish Center - Mike Fitzgerald
Portuguese Rosary—5 pm—OLOL Church
Choir Rehearsal—en Español—7 pm SFX Church
Choir Rehearsal—(Sat., 5 pm) - 7 pm SFX Church
- Tues., 7/8** Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Summer Band - 8:30 am—2 pm - Parish Center - Mike Fitzgerald
- Wed., 7/9** Rosary—8 am—SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Bible Study - 9:30—11 am - SFX Church hall
Summer Band Concert - 6—9 pm OLOL Church - Mike Fitzgerald
- Thurs., 7/10** Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Rosary—9 am—OLOL Church
Our Lady Prayer Group 1 pm SFX Church hall
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm OLOL Church
Choir Rehearsal (Sun., 10am) - 7 pm SFX Church
- Fri., 7/11** Rosary—8 am—SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Adoration 9—10 am SFX Church
- Sat., 7/12** Confession—4 pm—SFX Church
Vigil Mass—5 pm—SFX Church
- Sun., 7/13** Mass—8:30 am—OLOL Church -
Mass—10 am—SFX Church
Mass—11:30 am—SFX Church—en Español
Young Adult Bible Study - 6 pm - St. Francis Xavier Church hall

Mother Mary's Cupboard

The next Love In Action Sunday is Sunday, July 27th. 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!

We rely upon ALL of our families to support our parish through the use of offertory envelopes or *online giving at weekly Mass.

Sign up for *Online Giving or a link can be found on our website: <https://www.sfxnewmilford.org> (see below). Online Giving is a convenient, secure and confidential way to make your contributions on a weekly, monthly or single time basis. You may contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit card. You select the date and amount of your donation and it will process automatically. Or you can always bring your donation to Mass with you and put in our collection boxes or the basket when passed.

If you forget or attend elsewhere that weekend or in the case of inclement weather please bring your weekly offering the following week or you can also mail in your envelopes/donation 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.

If you have any questions or need help, please call the bookkeeper on Tuesday or Thursday morning for assistance 860--350-6753.

Your continued support is very much needed and appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!!

***How Do I Get Started?**

1. Visit our parish website: (www.sfxnewmilford.org)
2. Click on the Online Giving link.
3. Click on the Create New Account link.

It's that simple!

We continue to accept donations of bottles and cans. We have an account at the Three Veterans Bottle and Can Redemption Center. 100 percent of all donations stays with the Parish. You may drop off your items at the Parish Center or **OUTSIDE IN THE NEW REDEMPTION BOX BY THE BACK DOOR** at St. Francis Xavier Church 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



Seguimos aceptando donaciones de botellas y latas. Tenemos una cuenta en el Centro de Redención de Botellas y Latas de Tres Veteranos. El 100 por ciento de todas las donaciones se quedan con la parroquia. Puede dejar sus artículos en el Centro Parroquial o **AFUERA EN LA NUEVA CAJA DE REDENCIÓN POR LA PUERTA TRASERA en la** Iglesia de San Francisco Javier o puede pasar por la oficina de la Iglesia para obtener una calcomanía y llevarlos al centro usted mismo. Cualquier pregunta llame a Chris en la oficina al 860-354-2202. Gracias por considerarnos.

The St. Francis Xavier Parish webpage is at <http://sfxnewmilford.org/> OR download the App

so that you can receive all announcements notices, including the bulletin.

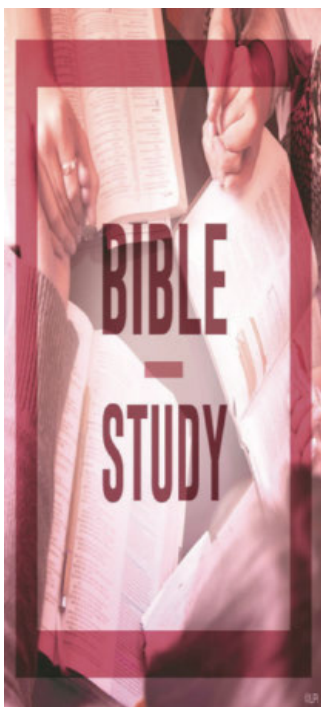
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- 1) Download myParish App
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The parish also has a Facebook page.

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



We have a parishioner, Emily Robitaille who has brought a YOUNG ADULT Bible Study to St. Francis Xavier Parish.

On Sundays at 6:00 pm in the St. Francis Xavier Church hall. Just bring yourself and a Catholic Bible. Snacks will be provided.



The "Feed the Hungry" Ministry of St. Francis Xavier Church 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!



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please register your child/children for their Faith Formation (CCD) classes for the 2025-2026 year. Call or come to the office to do this asap as we are preparing teacher class lists, book orders and classrooms.

INSCRÍBANSE PARA LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Por favor, **inscriba** a su hijo(a) para sus clases de Formación en la Fe (CCD) para el año 2025-2026. Llame o venga a la oficina para hacer esto lo antes posible, ya que estamos preparando listas de clases de maestros, pedidos de libros y aulas.

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!!

CONFIRMATION CONFIRMACIÓN

WE HAVE A DATE FOR CONFIRMATION! The confirmandi (students) who have 1. completed their preparation classes, 2. will attend their retreat on Sat., Sept. 6th at Our Lady of the Lakes Church from 9 - 11 am with their parent or sponsor and 3. have had their interview with Karen will receive their Confirmation on **Saturday, November 22 at 1:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.** Any questions please call Karen in the office at 860-354-5372.

Interested in getting involved?



We are in need of just TWO more of the following Catechists (teachers):

Sunday morning 8:30–9:45 am 8th grade

Sunday 11:15 am–12:30 pm 1st grade

AND we are in need of many assistants:

Sunday morning 8:30–9:45 am 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th & 8th grades

Sunday 11:15 am–12:30 pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grades

Monday evening 6–7:15 pm 4th, 6th & 8th grades

We also have need for TWO 9th grade assistants both on Sunday (one for 8:30 & one for 11:15)

Call Karen for more information.



THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY:

The **Parables of Jesus** are designed to shake us up, to shock, confront, provoke and indict us. Each parable works differently and each must be studied separately to determine its significance, how it functions and how it calls its readers to respond.

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 St Aloysius, Plantsville, Mon 10-12noon
 Online, Wed 6:30-8:30pm

Visit: www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com

THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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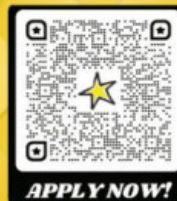


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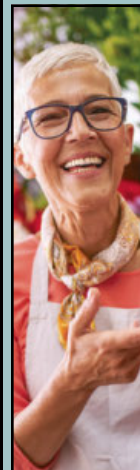
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