# St. Francis Xavier Parish August 3, 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



# 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

"Pero Dios le dijo: '¡Insensato! Esta misma noche vas a morir. ¿Para quién serán todos tus bienes?' Lo mismo le pasa al que amontona riquezas para sí mismo y no se hace rico de lo que vale ante Dios". - Lc 12, 20-21



SATURDAY - AUGUST 2 SAINTS EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP; SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMAR, PRIEST

SFX: 8:30 AM + Luis Padilla Requested by his family

**SFX:** 5:00 PM + Charles E., Helen & Charles G.

VIGIL & Timothy Burke

Requested by the Shemeley family

**SUNDAY - AUGUST 3** 

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Leonard Thompson Requested by the Hickey family SFX: 10:00 AM + Jeremiah McKenna

Requested by his family

**OLPH:** 10:00 AM + Christian & Rena Fecho

Requested by the Fitch Family

SFX: 11:30 AM + Edwin Ordonez

**en Español** (3rd anniversary)

Requested by his mom, sisters,

daughter & family

**MONDAY - AUGUST 4** 

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + For the Souls in Purgatory

Requested by Soraya Carratto

TUESDAY - AUGUST 5

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF

SAINT MARY MAJOR

**OLOL:** 8:30 AM + Dominick Apruzzese Requested by Mary Apruzzese

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + Mass of Thanksgiving by the Lay Missionaries of Charity

Requested by Joan Kick, LMC

THURSDAY - AUGUST 7

SAINT SIXTUS II, POPE AND COMPANIONS,

**MARTYRS; SAINT CAJETAN, PRIEST** 

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Abigail Keena

Requested by Henry & Agatha Beary

FRIDAY - AUGUST 8 SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST

**SFX:** 8:30 AM + In loving memory of the

Deceased members of the Crillo, Croke &

Pagano families

Requested by Kathleen & Nicole

**SATURDAY - AUGUST 9** 

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS,

VIRGIN AND MARTYR

SFX: 8:30 AM + Luis Padilla

Requested by his family



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

> Donata Beaulieu Roland Tougas



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

Josephine & Jeremiah McKennna

Requested by:

Nettie & Hilary McKenna & family



The Memorial Window at St. Francis Xavier Church is illuminated for:

Frank Greco (Happy Heavenly Birthday)

Requested by: His wife

# **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!

### **PASTORAL TEAM:**

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## **PARISH OFFICE:**

Web site: www.sfxnewmilford.org Email: sfxparish@sfxnewmilford.org

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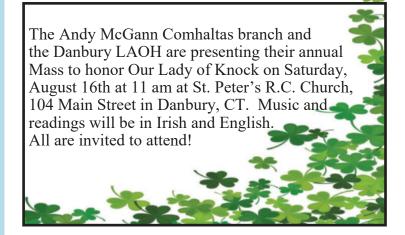
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## CHICKEN AND CHEESE ENCHILADA FUND RAISER DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Housatonic Council #40 next dinner will be on Saturday, August 23rd. Tickets will be sold after Masses for the next TWO weekends.

The dinner will be held at the St. Francis Xavier Church hall following the Saturday 5 pm Mass, so start at 6:30 pm.

Price: \$15 a person, \$10 for children.

### ENCHILADA DE POLLO CON QUESO CENA PARA RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS

La próxima cena del Consejo Housatonic #40 de Caballeros de Colón será el sábado 23 de Agosto.

Los boletos se venderán después de las misas durante los próximos DOS fines de semana.

La cena se llevará a cabo en el salón de la Iglesia de San Francisco Javier después de la misa del sábado a las 5 pm, la cend empezará a las 6:30 pm.

Precio: \$15 por persona, \$10 para niños.



It's July, Christmas is coming and the Women's Guild is looking for vendors for our St. Francis Xavier Church's Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd. Spaces are limited. An eight foot table space is \$25 and you may need to bring a table. Please contact Ellen Cote, (860) 354-5883 or ebcote@yahoo.com to reserve

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# OUR COLLECTION TOTAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

07/20/2025 \$ 5,355.00 SFX and OLOL Churches

Our second collection NEXT 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

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Trust in the Lord*, supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2025 Appeal literature! Organizations such as Camella's Cupboard, Farmers' Market Collaborative and Loaves & Fishes right here in New Milford received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at <a href="https://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/">https://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/</a> to learn more and make your gift today.

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 <a href="https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/">https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</a> 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.

# THE 18TH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

IS HAPPENING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL IN WATERBURY.

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TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT www.ctcatholicmen.org

# CALENDAR OF HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Mon., 8/4 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Portuguese Rosary - 5 pm - OLOL
Church
Choir Rehearsal - en Español - 7 pm
SFX Church
Choir Rehearsal - (Sat., 5 pm) - 7 pm
SFX Church

Tues., 8/5 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church Knights of Columbus 7 pm - SFX Church hall

Wed., 8/6 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Bible Study - 9:30 - 11 am - SFX Church hall

Thurs., 8/7 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., 8/8 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church

Sat., 8/9 Mass - 8:30 am -Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church

Sun., 8/10 Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church - Mass - 10 am - SFX Church Mass - 10 am OLPH Church Mass - 11:30 am - SFX Church - en Español Young Adult Bible Study - 6 pm - St.

Francis Xavier Church hall

# Retrouvaille of Connecticut Marriage Ministry:

Marriage Help Program (local) Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Do you wish you felt happier in your marriage? Retrouvaille. a Catholic-based ministry. provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend starts September 5th. For information. call confidentially 1-860-837-0447. email Connecticut-wmass@helpourmarriage.org or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org

The program is also helpful for couples who have grown apart or are having communications issues.

# 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.

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Tentative locations for Year 1 Class:

# Online (virtual) Spanish, Monday 6:30—8:30 PM

Saint Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield - Mon 10-12noon

Sacred Heart, Bloomfield – Mon 6:30-8:30pm Our Lady of Loreto, Waterbury, Thurs 6:30-8:30pm

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

For more information: www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com
Jason.rinaldi@aohct.org or ana.plaza@aohct.org

NOTE: New England Catholic Biblical School will offer two Year One sessions at Prince of Peace in Woodbury: Mondays at 10 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. You can do in-person or online. If interested, contact NECBS at 860-913-2651



# REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Books for our program have been ordered. So if you are a returning family an additional fee of \$25 Will be added to cover the special shipping charges. Of course if you are a new family there will be no additional fee.

The following classes are full: Sunday 8:30 grade 2 and Monday 6 pm grades 3 & 8; so your choice of class day and times are limited.

You may call the office or come in person to register. Monday thru Thursday 9 am—5 pm.

# INSCRÍBANSE PARA LA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Se han pedido libros para nuestro programa. Entonces, si eres una familia que regresa, se agregará una tarifa adicional de \$25 para cubrir los cargos especiales de envío. Por supuesto, si es una familia nueva, no habrá tarifa adicional.

Las siguientes clases están completas:

Domingo 8:30 grado 2 y

Lunes 6 pm grados 3 y 8;

Por lo tanto, su elección de día y horarios de clase son limitados.

Puede llamar a la oficina o venir en persona para registrarse. De lunes a jueves de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m.

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: SAVE THE DATE:

The Walk A Mile for A Meal is scheduled for September 21st. More information to come.

Karen O'Donnell - Director 860-354-5372 or ololreled@gmail.com Please make sure to <u>add</u> Karen's email address, so that you receive your emails.

All communications are sent via email and posted in this bulletin.

We will also add posts on our facebook page and Instagram page 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 Saturday, September 6th at Our Lady of the Lakes Church from 9:00 11:00 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.

We are in need of just ONE more Catechist (teacher) for the following:

Sunday morning 8:30-9:45 am 8th grade AND we are in need of many assistants:

Sunday morning 8:30-9:45 am 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 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.

Registration is now open at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for religious education classes for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

Go to OLPH website and print/complete a registration form or pick one up at Church. And mail it to the OLPH office by 8/22.

Classes will start in September.

For any questions, please email:

Annie Haddad (anniehaddad2411@gmail.com)

Christine Kersten (ckersten71@gmail.com)

However due to the merger you may register if preferred at St. Francis Xaver Religious Education too. \*Call Karen, see info. above.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Come in a car with your own family or gather a couple of friends in a car and join Our Lady Queen of Peace Rosary Group for a day pilgrimage.

We will visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine in upstate New York. They are about 2 1/2 hours from New Milford and about 15 minutes apart from each other.

Thursday, August 21st. Save the date and join us.

# **New Milford September 11, 2001 Memorial Maintenance Committee**

Help Them Complete the 9/11 Memorial with a Place for Reflection!

They are reaching out to ask for your support to help them complete the vision for New Milford's 9/11 Memorial Monument.

They are seeking to raise \$6,000 to fund the purchase of two custom benches. Every dollar you contribute will go directly to this effort.

Will you help? Donations may be made by check payable to the "Town of New Milford—9/11 Memorial Fund" and mailed to: 9/11 Memorial Committee c/o Finance Office 10 Main St. New Milford, CT 06776

### THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd -7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47

and 51/Mt 17:14-20 Next

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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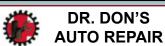


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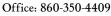
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