

St. Francis Xavier Parish

December 21, 2025



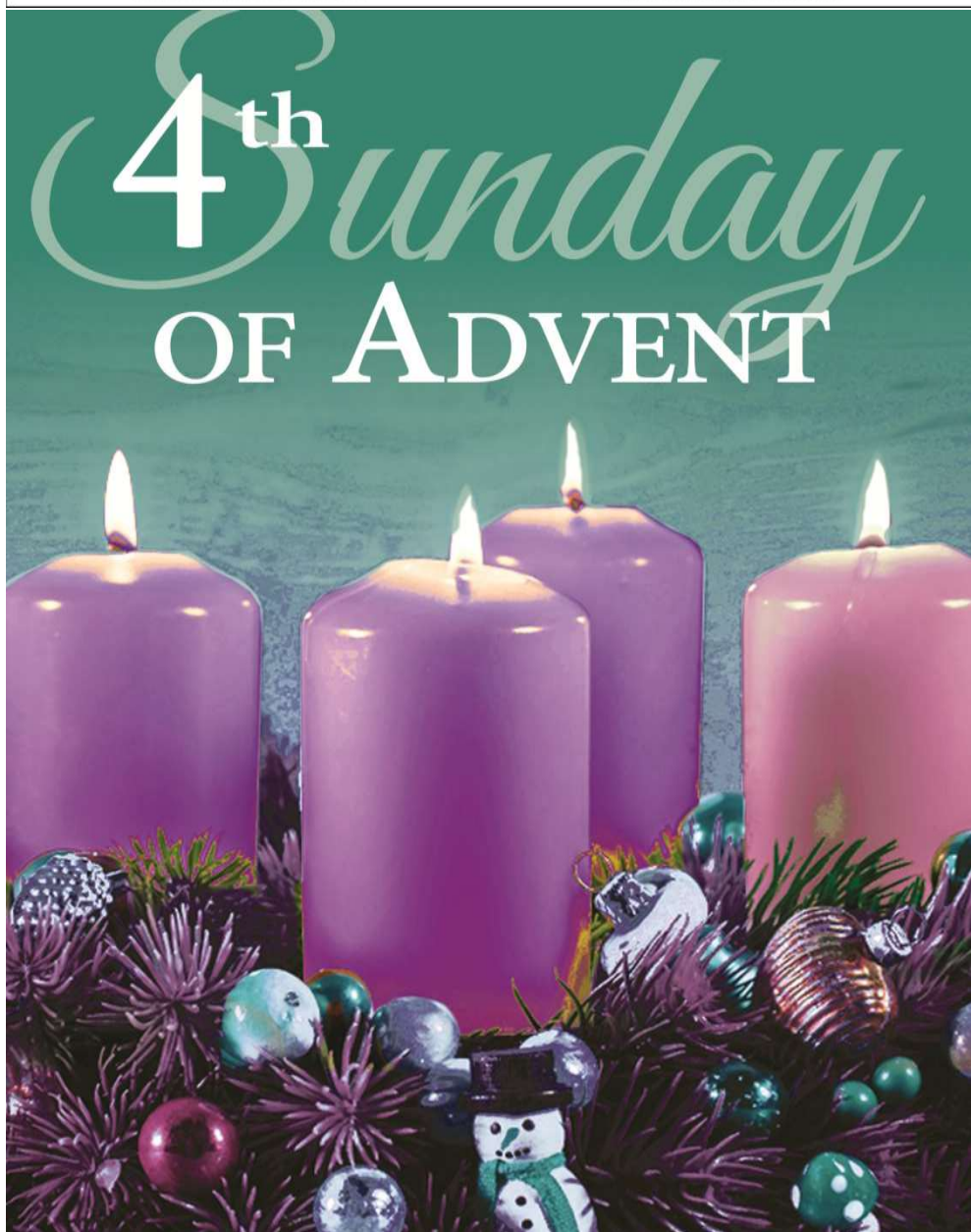
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MASS INTENTIONS:**SATURDAY - DECEMBER 20****SFX:** 8:30 AM + For the deceased of our Parish**SFX:** 5:00 PM + Emilio Olabarrieta & the**VIGIL** deceased members of the Field family
Requested by Annette Field**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 21****FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT****LOL:** 8:30 AM + Amerigo Capodiecici and
Danielle Sausto-Liima
Requested by their families**SFX:** 10:00 AM + Joseph & Ethel Kane
Requested by Patti & Bob Fisher**OLPH:** 10:00 AM + Roland, Brian & Dolores
Belanger
Requested by Marie-Ange Belanger & family**SFX:** 11:30 AM Por las intenciones especiales de
en Español Nomar Valenzuela Reyes en este
Duodécimo cumpleaños
A petición de su madre, abuela y
hermanos**MONDAY - DECEMBER 22****SFX:** 8:30 AM + Jean Martirano
Requested by Gerry Monaghan**TUESDAY - DECEMBER 23****SAINT JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST****LOL:** 8:30 AM + John Flynn
Requested by the Hickey family**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 24****SFX:** 4:00 PM + In loving memory of Dr. David
Lynch & Patrick Lynch
Requested by their loving family**LOL:** 4:00 PM + for the deceased members of
the Pricola & O'Donnell families
Requested by their loving family**OLPH:** 4:00 PM + John Mahoney
Requested by his friend, Jean Suddaby**SFX:** 6:00 PM + Joaquim Fernandes
Requested by his daughter Luisa Amaral &
family**SFX:** 8:00 PM + Edward Mendoza (12th anniversary)
Requested his family & friends**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 25****THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)****LOL:** 8:30 AM + Charlene & Greg Palmisani
Requested by their loving family & friends**SFX:** 10:00 AM + Nancy Gawel
Requested by her husband**OLPH:** 10:00 AM + Madeline Smith
Requested by the OLPH Choir**SFX:** 12:00 noon + for the deceased members of
the Perez-Cabrera family
Requested by Edgardo (Mynor)**IN MEMORIAM****St. Francis Xavier Parish Churches pray for the
repose of the soul and sends a
final farewell to our dearly departed:****Attila Megyeri
Madeline Smith
McKinlee Hope Culkin
Rick Fearn****The Sanctuary Candle
at St. Francis Xavier Church
for this week burns in memory
of:****The deceased members of the
Grenier, Penn, Boisvert,
Thibodeau, Kitzke & Cruz
families****Requested by:
Marcel & Chris Grenier &
family****The Memorial Window at St.
Francis Xavier Church for
this week is lit in memory of:****Phil Longobardi
2nd anniversary****Requested by:
His friends & family****The Sanctuary Candle
At Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Church for this week
burns in memory of:****John Mahoney****Requested by:
his friend,
Jean Suddaby****FRIDAY - DECEMBER 26****ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR****SFX: NO MASS OR ADORATION****SATURDAY - DECEMBER 27****ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST****SFX: 8:30 AM + For the deceased of our Parish**



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th 4:00 pm SFX
 Christmas Eve. 4:00 pm OLOL
 4:00 pm OLPH
 6:00 pm SFX
 8:00 pm SFX - bilingual

December 25th 8:30 am OLOL
 10:00 am SFX
 10:00 am OLPH
 12:00 noon SFX - Spanish



HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD



Fr. Carlos, Fr. Lijo, Deacon Al, Jocelyne, Chris, Karen and Edgardo would like to wish each and everyone of you, your families and your friends near and far a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!!



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The offices will be closed:

Tuesday, December 23rd
 Wednesday, December 24th and
 Thursday, December 25th



CONFESSION



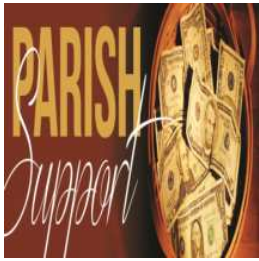
LA RECONCILIACIÓN

Will be offered as usual on Saturday's at 4:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church and also offered on Monday, December 22nd during Advent from 6:00—8:00 pm. As always you may also call the office to schedule an appointment with our priests.

St. Francis Xavier Church invites you to come early to the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (3:30 pm) as they present a very special music program as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth. There will also be some Christmas hymns to be sung by everyone.



*Our Lady of the Lakes Church invites you to come early to their 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (3:30 pm) as they present an instrumental ensemble as we all prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth.
 We hope and pray that you come and enjoy this wonderful celebration.*



OUR COLLECTION TOTAL
FOR SFX & OLOL FOR THE
WEEK ENDING:
12/7/25 \$ 6,208.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
12/7/25 \$ 1,149.00

Monthly for SFX & OLOL: \$ 2,504.00

November Online Giving for SFX & OLOL:
\$ 6,220.00

Other collection totals will be in the next bulletin due
to early deadlines.

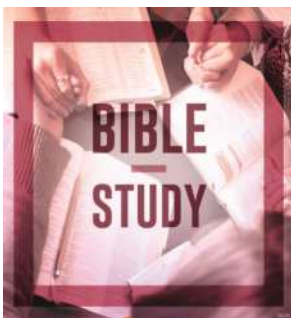
We thank you for your continued generosity towards
our Parish and other endeavors.

As winter settles in and our communities gather close
in faith, it is a season to embrace the warmth that
generosity brings. Just as the colder weather can
challenge us, consistent giving sustains and
strengthens our parish—supporting ministries,
nurturing outreach and providing for those in need.
We have available Online Giving cards at each of the
doors to our Churches. Please take one and after
careful consideration visit our church website to sign
up and get started.
Thank you for all each of you do to help lead our
Parish in faith and generosity.

ATTENTION:

**If you donated a small statue to St. Francis
Xavier Church and would like it back, please
call or come to the office for pick up.
We appreciate your gift, but we only have so
much room and need to return some. Thank
you for your understanding. God bless.**

**We also have several small complete creches
available at the office for FREE.**



More details in the next
bulletin, but save the
Wednesdays beginning
January 14th, 2026 for
the next series of studies
with Jacqui Farrell
at St. Francis Xavier
Church



Mon., 12/22 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Portuguese Rosary 5 pm—OLOL Church
Faith Formation 6—7:15 pm P/C
Novena to Baby Jesus 6:30 pm SFX
Church bi-lingual
Choir Practice 7 pm SFX Church
Choir Practice - en Español - 7 pm
SFX Church hall

Tues., 12/23 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm SFX

Wed., 12/24 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Mass 4:00 pm SFX Church
Mass 4:00 pm OLOL Church
Mass 4:00 pm OLPH Church
Mass 6:00 pm SFX Church
Mass 8:00 pm SFX Church—bilingual

Thurs., 12/25 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Mass 10:00 am SFX Church
Mass 10:00 am OLPH Church
Mass **12:00 noon** SFX Church -
en Español

Fri., 12/26 NO morning Mass or Adoration

Sat., 12/27 Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church
Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church

Sun., 12/28 Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church
Rosary - 9:30 am OLPH Church
Mass - 10 am - SFX Church
Mass - 10 am OLPH Church
Mass - 11:30 am SFX Church -
en Español

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We will post notifications on the local TV stations, the app and our facebook page too.

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También publicaremos notificaciones en las cadenas de televisión locales, en la app y en nuestra página de Facebook.

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

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!

The next Love In Action Sunday is Sunday, December 21st. 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 this bulletin and put on the app.
We will also add posts on our Facebook page and Instagram page too!

**THE CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FAITH FORMATION
ARE:**

**JANUARY 11 & 25TH;
FEBRUARY 1ST, 8TH & 22ND AND
MARCH 1ST & 8TH**

If you are signed up for the Sunday class and cannot make it you MUST attend the Monday class.

If you are signed up for the Monday class and cannot make it you MUST attend the Sunday class.

Please call the office and let us know if you must attend a different class.

You must attend all SEVEN classes or you cannot make your Confirmation.



**OUR 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION,
aka RELIGION CLASSES (CCD)
ARE:**

***SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM AND
*SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
DECEMBER 21st
*MONDAY 6—7:15 PM
DECEMBER 22nd**

**IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE IN GRADES
1—5 THEY SHOULD BRING THEIR BIBLE,
BOOK AND BAG WITH THEM TO ALL THEIR
CLASSES.**

**CHILDREN IN GRADES 6—8 SHOULD ALSO
BRING THEIR BOOKS TO ALL CLASSES.**

**SHOULD YOUR CHILDREN BE
ABSENT PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT
860-354-5372 OR 860-354-2202 AND LET US
KNOW. THEY MUST DO THE WORK ON
THEIR GRADE LEVEL CALENDAR.**

NEXT CLASSES:

***SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM AND
*SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
JANUARY 11TH
*MONDAY 6—7:15 PM JANUARY 12TH**

***The Archdiocese of Hartford announced last year about a new program for all the children called:**

**“EMPOWERING GOD’S CHILDREN”.
It will be presented to the grade 6 children on
Sunday, 1/11 and Monday, 1/12.**

Any questions, please contact Karen, the Faith Formation Director.

OLPH DATES:

Family Catechesis: Saturday, January 10th at 5:00 pm “Hail Mary”

Any questions contact Christine Kersten
ckersten71@gmail.com

Reconciliation and Communion: Sunday, January 18th from 8:45—9:45 am “Preparing”

Any questions contact Annie Haddad
anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

Confirmation: Sunday, January 18th from 11:00 am—12:15 pm “Anointed by the Spirit”

Any questions contact Marcella McVay
mcvaymarcella@gmail.com or Christine Kersten
ckersten71@gmail.com

Life Teen: Any questions contact Shannon Kozak
shamako4@yahoo.com

CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY:

The St. Francis Xavier Church group will hold its next meeting on Monday, January 5th in the church hall.

The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon.

We ask that you bring a bagged lunch.

Coffee and dessert will be served.

All are welcome and

please feel free to bring a friend.

Any questions call Maura Pauli at 860-690-1882.



THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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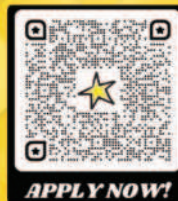
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