

St. Francis Xavier Parish

November 2, 2025



Our Lady of the Lakes Church
30 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
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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

CONMEMORACIÓN DE TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

"Y la voluntad del que me envió es que yo no pierda nada de lo que él me ha dado, sino que lo resucite en el último día. La voluntad de mi Padre consiste en que todo el que vea al Hijo y crea en él, tenga vida eterna y yo lo resucite en el último día". - Jn 6, 39-40

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**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 1****ALL SAINTS**

SFX: 8:30 AM + for the deceased members of our Parish

SFX: 5:00 PM + Ilia Velez

VIGIL Requested by her daughter, Rita Fitch & family

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2**ALL SOULS' DAY**

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Wayne Steck
Requested by Robert & Stacey Keaney

SFX: 10:00 AM Stacey Ann Purcell
Requested by the Maguire family

OLPH: 10:00 AM + Marie Anne Ponzillo
Requested by her husband, Frank Travisano

SFX: 11:30 AM + Ilia Velez
en Español Requested by her daughter, Rita Paul, Michael & Nicholas Fitch

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 3**SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS**

SFX: 8:30 AM + Jack D. Jolie
Requested by Lilah & family

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 4**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP**

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Dean DeMague
Requested by Robert & Stacey Keaney

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 5

SFX: 8:30 AM + Anna Smith
Requested by Lynne & Phil Sausto

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 6

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Fr. Chacko Kumplam
Requested by Denis & Judy Larkin

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 7

SFX: 8:30 AM + Helen deJesus Fernandes
Requested by her daughter, Luisa Amaral & family

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 8

SFX: 8:30 AM + for the deceased members of our Parish

IN MEMORIAM

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

Gloria DiLullo Sorci

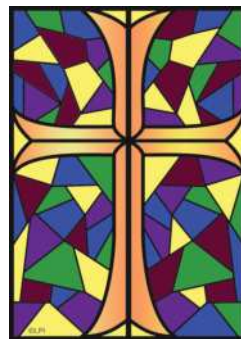


The Sanctuary Candle at St. Francis Xavier Church burns this week in memory of:

**Serge Grenier
(5th Heavenly Anniversary)**

Requested by:

His brother,, Marcel & family



The Memorial Window is lit this week in memory of:

Bill SHEMELEY

Requested by:

Fran Schilling



For this week at Our Lady of the Lakes Church have been donated in memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Larkin

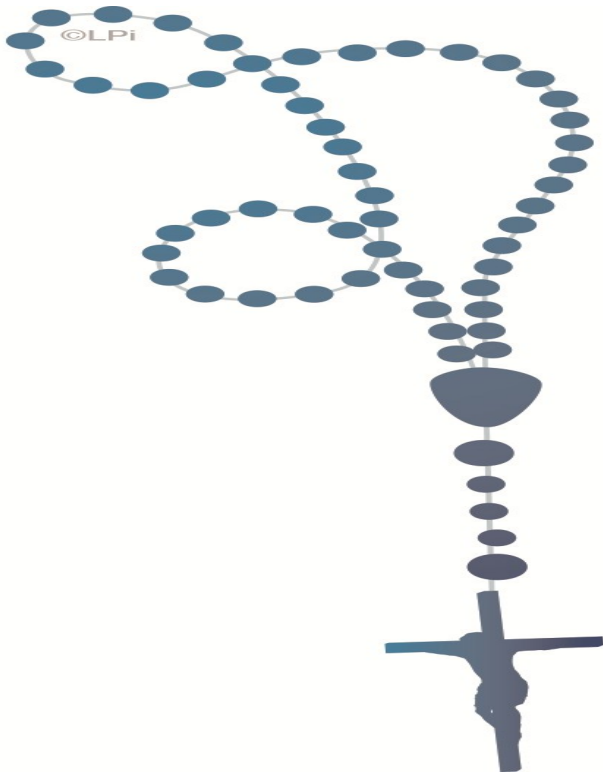
Requested by: Denis & Judy Larkin

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 3rd at 12 noon in the St. Francis Xavier church hall.

ALL are welcome to attend. Please bring a bagged lunch. Coffee and dessert will be served.

The topic for this month's meeting is the ROSARY, a little history, who, what, why, where, types, etc.

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



THIS WEEKEND (NOVEMBER 2ND) ON SATURDAY NIGHT BEDTIME, PLEASE TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR! THIS WAY YOU WILL BE ON TIME FOR MASS AND FAITH FORMATION CLASSES.

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



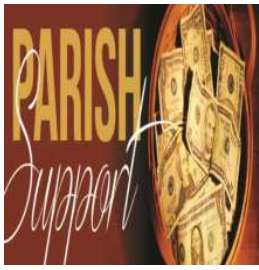
Mother Mary's Cupboard

The next Love In Action Sunday is Sunday, November 16th. 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!**



Our Lady of the Lakes Church will be inviting everyone on the first Sunday of each Month following the 8:30 am Mass to stay for some coffee & social time.

THIS Sunday, November 2nd come join us. If you would like to be part of the volunteers & help to make coffee, bake, buy items, set up or clean up, call Stacey Keaney at 203-948-6382



OUR COLLECTION
TOTAL
FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

10/26/25
\$ 6,712.00



Our second collection **THIS** weekend;
11/1 & 11/2 is for the
Monthly Collection -
(used to offset the cost of utilities)

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

Saint Gregory the Great School Fundraiser Raffle

Our parish community is blessed to support Catholic education! Faith Dalpe, a 6th grade student at Saint Gregory the Great School and one of our dedicated altar servers, is helping to sell tickets for the Saint Gregory the Great School Raffle Fundraiser.

Tickets: \$25. each

Drawing date: Thursday, November 7th

Prizes: 1st Prize: \$5,000.

2nd Prize: \$3,000.

3rd Prize: \$2,000.

Winners do not need to be present to win.

Faith will be selling tickets after the 10 am Mass **THIS** Sunday, Nov. 2nd here at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Your generosity helps support the students and programs at Saint Gregory the Great School.



OLPi

- Mon., 11/3 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Confraternity of the Rosary 12 noon at SFX Church hall
Portuguese Rosary 5 pm—OLOL Church
Choir Practice 7 pm SFX Church
Choir Practice - en Español - 7 pm SFX Church hall
- Tues., 11/4 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church
LHTC clean 9 am SFX Church & hall
- Wed., 11/5 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Bible Study 9:30—11 am SFX C/H
- Thurs., 11/6 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church
Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group 1 pm SFX Church hall
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm OLOL Church
Choir Rehearsal (Sun., 10am) - 7 pm SFX Church
- Fri., 11/7 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church
- Sat., 11/8 Mass - 8:30 am - SFX Church
Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church
Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church
- Sun., 11/9 Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church
Faith Formation 8:30—9:45 am P/C
Mass - 10 am - SFX Church
Mass - 10 am OLP Church
Mass - 11:30 am SFX Church - en Español
Baptism 12:30 pm SFX Church



The Knights of Columbus Council #40 Tootsie Roll Drive is a fundraising event to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For decades, Knights have stood at public locations like street corners and stores, giving donor a Tootsie Roll in exchange for a donation. This year we will also be at the Our Lady of the Lakes and St. Francis Xavier Churches on the weekend of November 15th & 16th. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



LAST CALL!!

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 8 & 9 AT THE HOLY FAMILY
RETREAT CENTER IN WEST HARTFORD.

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AT 475-279-4218 OR EMAIL
CJOJOGENE@CHARTER.NET



**OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WILL
BE PRESENTED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER
14TH AT 1:00 PM AT OUR LADY OF THE
LAKES CHURCH.**

**A FLYER WITH DETAILS WILL BE SENT
HOME WITH THE STUDENTS IN OUR FAITH
FORMATION PROGRAM SOON AND MORE
INFORMATION REGARDING TRYOUTS AND
MUSIC WILL ALSO BE POSTED HERE!**

**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!

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS PARISH'S FALL
FESTIVAL:

VENDOR/CRAFTER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING
ACCEPTED FOR ST. MARGUERITE'S 33RD
ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL BEING HELD ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, FROM 9:00 AM—
4:00 PM. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is located at
138 Candlewood Lake Rd. in Brookfield.

For information or an application, email

fallfestival@stmarguerite.org



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

- *SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM AND
- *SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
- NOVEMBER 2ND
- *MONDAY 6—7:15 PM
- NOVEMBER 3RD

**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
- NOVEMBER 16th
- *MONDAY 6—7:15 PM NOVEMBER 17th

***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 3 children on
Sunday, 11/2 and Monday, 11/3.**

**It will be presented to the grade 4 children on
Sunday, 11/16 and Monday, 11/17.**

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

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, so join us!

Karen O'Donnell - Directora
860-354-5372 o ololreled@gmail.com

Asegúrese de **agregar** la dirección de correo electrónico de Ka-
ren para recibir sus correos electrónicos.

Todas las comunicaciones se envían por correo electrónico y se
publican en este boletín y se publican en la aplicación.

También agregaremos publicaciones en nuestra página de Face-
book e Instagram, ¡así que únase a nosotros!

RECONCILIATION CATCH UP

**A letter and email for those students in grades
3—9 that need to do their First
Confession was sent out.**

**Your make up classes are Sunday,
November 9th and November 23rd from
8:30—9:45 am at the St. Francis
Xavier Parish Center 1 Elm St.**

**You must attend all the preparation classes in
order to make your sacrament.
Any questions call Karen.**

RECONCILIACIÓN PARA PONERSE AL DÍA

**Una carta y un correo electrónico para aquellos estudiantes
en los grados 3-9 que necesitan hacer su primer
Se envió una confesión.**

**Sus clases de recuperación son el domingo 26 de octubre, el 9
de noviembre y el 23 de noviembre de 8:30 a 9:45 am en el St.
Francis Centro Parroquial Xavier 1 Elm St.**

**Debes asistir a todas las clases de preparación en
para hacer su sacramento.
Cualquier pregunta llame a Karen.**

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. *you can also go to the website and sign up to receive the bulletin via email. Thank you!

Text App to 88202 to download our parish app:

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

The parish also has a:
Facebook page; **St. Francis Xavier Parish, New Milford CT**
Website; www.sfxnewmilford.org

AND NOW WE HAVE INSTAGRAM (LOOK FOR US AT) sfxnewmilford

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

THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

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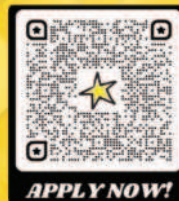
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