

St. Francis Xavier Parish

November 30, 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
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1st Sunday OF ADVENT



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 29

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

SFX: 5:00 PM + Susanne Smith Mitchell (2nd anniversary)

VIGIL
Requested by Ann & Dick Smith & Graham Mitchell

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Joseph Vaichus
Requested by Laura Quigley

SFX: 10:00 AM + Anthony DeNoris
Requested by Carol Shubin

OLPH: 10:00 AM + Peter Locke
Requested by his wife, Diane

SFX: 11:30 AM + Por los miembros fallecidos de en Español nuestra parroquia

MONDAY - DECEMBER 1

SFX: 8:30 AM + Leyda Carratto
Requested by her daughter & grandkids

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 2

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Maureen Knippen
Requested by Peter & Kathy Vermilyea

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 3

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

SFX: 8:30 AM +
Requested by

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 4

SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

OLOL: 8:30 AM +
Requested by

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 5

SFX: 8:30 AM + Joseph Pagano
Requested by Kathleen & Nicole

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 6

SAINT NICHOLAS BISHOP

SFX: 8:30 AM + Anthony DeNoris (Heavenly Anniversary)
Requested by Carol Shubin

IN MEMORIAM

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

**Michael T. Regan
Kevin Palmieri
Robert Stone**



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

Daille Allard Varsanik (4th anniversary)

**Requested by:
Chris Grenier & family**



The Memorial Window is lit this week in memory of:

David B. Nadig

Requested by:

Douglas Nadig



MASS SCHEDULE:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Vigil Mass Sun., 12/7 at 5:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Mass Mon., at 8:30 am

Our Lady of the Lakes Mass Mon., at 12:00 noon

St. Francis Xavier Mass Mon., at 6:00 pm

This is a Holy Day of Obligation



ATTENTION: Please note that the Our Lady of Perpetual Help office is now **CLOSED**. All calls and business will now take place at the St. Francis Xavier Parish offices 1 Elm St. New Milford, CT 06776. Any problems call Chris at 860-354-2202 for Church related questions. Call Jocelyne at 860-350-6753 for bookkeeping and cemetery related inquiries. Also note the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church doors will continue to close daily at 6:30 pm.



A Rosary for Peace is said every Sunday at 9:30 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help before Mass begins at 10:00 am. Now, more than ever, won't you come and pray with us?



The Our Lady of the Lakes Church will celebrate their 35th anniversary of the Church on Sunday, December 7th following the 8:30 am Mass.

All are welcome to join us for coffee, tea and some delicious goodies, as well as social time.

CONFESSION

LA RECONCILIACIÓN

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Will be offered as usual on Saturday's at 4:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church and also offered on Monday, December 1st, 15th & 22nd during Advent. As always you may also call the office to schedule an appointment with our priests.

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; click on bulletin—link to bulletin page 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](https://www.instagram.com/sfxnewmilford)

If you would like to have any events/happenings posted on any of our sites, please contact Lorraine, our Communications liaison at: llaranetto@sfxnewmilford.org

La página web de la Parroquia de San Francisco Javier está en

<http://sfxnewmilford.org/> O descargue la aplicación

para que pueda recibir todos los avisos de anuncios, incluido el *boletín.

*También puede ir al *sitio web; Haga clic en Boletín: enlace a la página del boletín y regístrese para recibir el boletín por correo electrónico. ¡Gracias!

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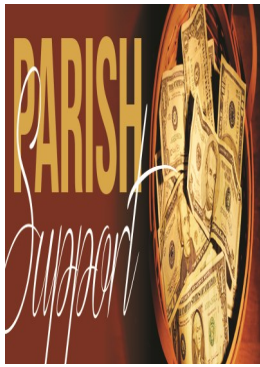
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Si desea que se publiquen eventos / acontecimientos en cualquiera de nuestros sitios, comuníquese con Lorraine, nuestro enlace de comunicaciones al: llaranetto@sfxnewmilford.org



OUR COLLECTION TOTAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

11/16/25 \$ 5,215.00
11/23/25 \$.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Collection: Weekly:
11/16/25 \$ 568.00
11/23/25 \$.00

Vocations Collection: \$.00 SFX Parish

CCHD: \$ 2,144.00 SFX Parish
\$ 284.00 OLPH

The collection totals for the week ending 11/23/2025 will be in next weeks bulletin due to the early bulletin deadline.



A “new” second collection for **THIS** weekend of, 11/22 & 11/23 is for the **Vocations Collection** - for the Archdiocese of Hartford

(We do not have envelopes, but the basket will be passed. Please put your check or cash in any envelope with your ID # on it or name & address for credit).

The next second collection is 12/7 & 12/8 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support a couple of weeks ago for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! (CCHD) As a parish, we raised \$ 2,428.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click “How to Give” under “Resources.” #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection.

This Week

- Mon., 12/1 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Portuguese Rosary 5 pm—OLOL Church
Confession 6—8 pm SFX
Choir Practice 7 pm SFX Church
Choir Practice - en Español - 7 pm
SFX Church hall
- Tues., 12/2 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church
Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church
- Wed., 12/3 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
OLOL Christmas Pageant music rehearsal
- Thurs., 12/4 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., 12/5 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church
- Sat., 12/6 Mass - 8:30 am - SFX Church
Reconciliation Ceremony 9:30—11:30 am St. Francis Xavier Church
Quincinera — 2 pm - SFX Church
Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church
Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church
- Sun., 12/7 Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church & 35th Anniversary celebration
Faith Formation 8:30—9:45 am P/C
Rosary - 9:30 am OLPH Church
Mass - 10 am - SFX Church
Mass - 10 am OLPH Church
Faith Formation 11:15 am—12:30 pm PC
Mass - 11:30 am SFX Church - en Español
Christmas Pageant rehearsal 1:30—3 pm OLOL
Donna-Marie C/H SFX 2:00 pm
Vigil Mass - 5 pm - OLPH for Immaculate Conception
Candlelight Prayer Service 6:30pm SFX

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!



Mother Mary's Cupboard

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!



The St. Francis Xavier Women's Guild December meeting will be dinner at Lucias's on Bank Street in New Milford, starting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 9th. Please RSVP to Ellen Cote at 860-354-5883 or ebcote@yahoo.com or with questions.
All women of the Parish are welcome!



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Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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At Christmas Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church supports community families through the Town of Washington Social Service and their Senior Center's Seniors Fuel Fund.

Our Giving Tree will be in the church on Sunday, November 29th. Tags on the tree will note specific donations of gift cards and opportunities to donate to the Seniors Fuel Fund. Each gift should be placed in the basket next to the tree by Sunday, December 14th. For more information, please call the parish office at 860-354-2202.

Thank you!

Giving Tree Donations



We at St. Francis Xavier Church are once again asking everyone to make a financial contribution to our Martha and 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 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—Thursday 9am—5 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!!



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 will have the ornaments available next Sunday, November 15th. The gifts will need to be wrapped and returned to Our Lady of the Lakes by Sunday, December 14th 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".



**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 7th
- *MONDAY 6—7:15 PM
DECEMBER 8th

**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
DECEMBER 21st
- *MONDAY 6—7:15 PM DECEMBER 22nd

***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 5 children on
Sunday, 12/7 and Monday, 12/8.**

**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
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We will also add posts on our Facebook page and
Instagram page too, so join us!

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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!



The Reconciliation (Confession) for your child/
children (this is for the children in the makeup session
only) will be on Saturday, December 6th at **9:30 am.**

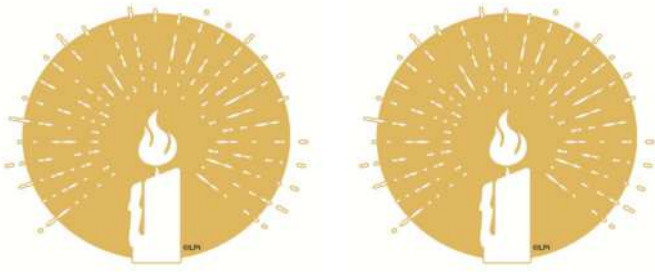
**NOTE: THE TIME CHANGE FROM THE
ORIGINAL TIME LISTED.**
(it will follow the 8:30 am Mass)

Any questions call Karen at 860-354-5372.

La Reconciliación (Confesión) de vuestro hijo/hijos
(esto es solo para los niños de la sesión de recupera-
ción) será el sábado 6 de diciembre a las
9:30 de la mañana.

**NOTA: EL CAMBIO DE HORA RESPECTO A
LA HORA ORIGINALMENTE INDICADA.**
(seguirá a la misa de las 8:30 am)

Si tienes alguna pregunta, llama a Karen al
860-354-5372.



**A CANDLELIGHT PRAYER
SERVICE
WILL BE HELD AT ST. FRANCIS
XAVIER CHURCH ON SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 7TH AT 6:30 PM.**

**THE HOLY ROSARY WILL BE SAID
FOLLOWED BY A TALK ON THE
MEANING OF CANDLELIGHT BY
FR. CARLOS.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/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: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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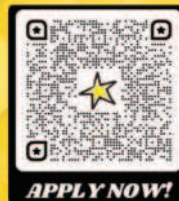
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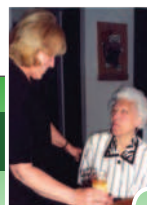




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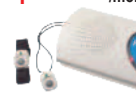
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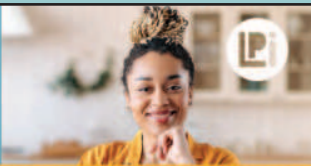
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