St. Francis Xavier Parish October 26, 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 Washington CT 06793



30[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

"El publicano, en cambio, se quedó lejos...diciendo: 'Dios mío, apiádate de mí, que soy un pecador'.

Pues bien, yo les aseguro que éste bajó a su casa justificado y aquél no; porque todo el que se enaltece será humillado y el que se humilla será enaltecido". - Lc 18, 13. 14

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SATURDAY - OCTOBER 25

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

our Parish

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

VIGIL & Timothy Burke

Requested by the Shemeley family

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 26 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFORMATION DAY

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Mark & Julia Hayes Requested by Tom & Ruth Sweeney

SFX: 10:00 AM For the special intentions of the St. Francis Xavier Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary on this their 114th anniversary

OLPH: 10:00 AM + Janice Sullivan Requested by Suzanne Kozak

SFX: 11:30 AM + Aggi Grand

en Español Requested by Elsa Alvarez &

family

MONDAY - OCTOBER 27

SFX: 8:30 AM + Josephine T. Hennessey (1st anniversary)
Requested by Chris Grenier & family

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 28 SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

OLOL: 8:30 AM + John Hickey Requested by his family

WEDNESĎAY - OCTOBEŘ 29

SFX: 8:30 AM + Don Granger Requested by a friend

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 30
OLOL: 8:30 AM For the special intentions of

Laurie Dwyer

Requested by your godchild

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 31

SFX: 8:30 AM + Roland Tougas Requested by a friend

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS

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:

Fr. Allan J. Hill Marlene C. Zarba Noelia Camacho Peter F. Hornick, III



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

Donald Grenier (Happy 81st Birthday)

Requested by:

His brother, Marcel & family



NEXT 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 Confraternity of the Rosary will be having a bake sale **THIS** Saturday, October 25th and Sunday, October 26th following ALL Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church in the church hall. Bring your money and buy some delicious fresh baked goods.





The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary will hold their regular meeting monthly 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.



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.

NEXT 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



~Free Concert with refreshments~
Connecticut Brass

(formerly Danbury Brass Band) 2-3:30 PM Sunday, October 26th Our Lady of the Lakes Church 30 Sullivan Rd., New Milford Come celebrate the tradition!

Carolyn's Place Wish List:

Diapers—size 1 & 2 Wipes
Baby bath tubs Diaper bags—backpack style
Adult shower flipflops Large sized canvas tote bags
Crib sheets Baby washcloths
Vaseline—small or medium size
Little Remedies Saline Solution Baby bulb syringes
New car seats—infant carrier style

Leave items in the St. Francis Xavier Church hall or deliver them to the office. Any questions call Chris in the office.

Thanks and God bless.

The Our Lady of the Lakes Church will be collecting donations the entire month of October for RESPECT LIFE MONTH to benefit Hopeline in Danbury,

Diapers: Newborn, size 3 and 5 and size 1 and 6 Clothing: hand mitts, swaddlers, boy and girl infant and toddler socks, boys newborn winter clothes and girls bibs

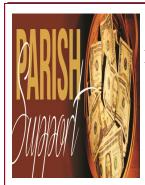
Other: diaper bags, boppy pillows, infant teethers, infant toys and receiving blankets

Items may be left in the Church entrance. Thank you.

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 **THIS** Sunday, October 19th. 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 COLLECTION TOTAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

10/19/25 \$ 5,507.00

World Mission Sunday: \$2,254.00

Our second collection **NEXT** 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 **next** Sunday, Nov. 2nd here at St. Francis Xavier Church.

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



Mon.,10/27 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Portuguese Rosary 5 pm—OLOL Church
Choir Practice 7 pm SFX Church
Choir Practice - en Español - 7 pm
SFX Church hall

Tues., 10/28 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church LHTC clean 9 am SFX Church & hall

Wed., 10/29 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Bible Study 9:30—11 am SFX C/H O.C.I.A. 7—8:30 pm SFX C/H

Thurs., 10/30 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

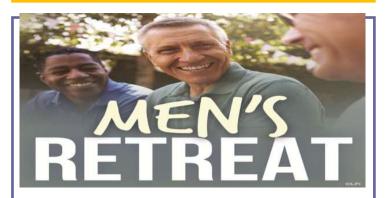
Fri., 10/31 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church

Sat., 11/1 Mass - 8:30 am - SFX Church Burial - 10 am - SFX Cemetery Memorial Mass 11 am - SFX Church Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church

Sun., 11/2 Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church
Faith Formation 8:30—9:45 am P/C
Coffee Social 9:30 am OLOL Church
Mass - 10 am - SFX Church
Donut Sunday 11 am - SFX Church
Mass - 10 am OLPH Church
Faith Formation 11:15—12:45 P/C
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 & 165th. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



LAST CALL!!

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

JOIN WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISIHIONERS FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH FOR A SPIRITUALLY UP-LIFTING EXPERIENCE.

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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 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 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?

- 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!





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 <u>add</u> 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 <u>agregar</u> la dirección de correo electrónico de Karen 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 Facebook 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, October 26, 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 3 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.

Debe asistir a las 3 clases para poder 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

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

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THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/ Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22,

26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next 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



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