St. Francis Xavier Parish October 19, 2025



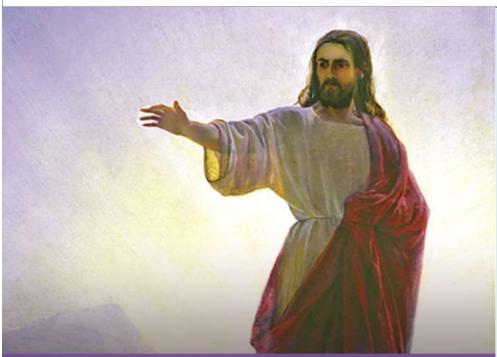
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

600

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

"¿Creen ustedes acaso que Dios no hará justicia a sus elegidos, que claman a él día y noche, y que los hará esperar? Yo les digo que les hará justicia sin tardar. Pero, cuando venga el Hijo del hombre, ¿creen ustedes que encontrará fe sobre la tierra?" - Lc 18, 7-8

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SATURDAY - OCTOBER 18 SAINT LUKE EVANGELIST

SFX: 8:30 AM + Antonio Valentin Amaral

Requested by Eunice & family

SFX: 5:00 PM + Robert Steinerd

VIGIL Requested by Marlie & Ernest Pinochet

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 19 TWENTY-NINTH IN ORDINARY TIME LAITY SUNDAIY WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Ralph Apruzzese Requested by Mary Apruzzese

SFX: 10:00 AM + Tommy Jennings Requested by the Maguire family

OLPH: 10:00 AM + Roland, Brian & Dolores

Belanger

Requested by Marie-Ange Belanger &

family

SFX: 11:30 AM + Rosalia Acosta (5th aniv) en Español Requested by her daughter &

granddaughter

MONDAY - OCTOBER 20 SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

SFX: 8:30 AM + Michael, Roseann & Francis Macri

Requested by Theresa Shephard

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 21

OLOL: 8:30 AM For the Special Intentions of Shea Hogan

Requested by Ann Margaret Donnelly

WEDNESDAY - ÓCTOBER 22 SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE

SFX: 8:30 AM For the Special Intentions of

Veronica Mae

Requested by Kathleen & Nicole

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 23

SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

OLOL: 8:30 AM + Margaret M. McGrath Requested by the Andy McGann CCE

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 24

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

SFX: 8:30 AM + Bill Shemeley

Requested by Kathy & Pete Vermilyea

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 25

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



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

Rev. Msgr. John J. Bevins
Nicole Somma
Carole Davis
Carleton "Coach Carl" Ryder
Scott M. Barth
Steven Jaskewitz



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

Jim Hyland (5th anniversary)

Requested by:

Requested by his family & friends

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 Confraternity of the Rosary will be having a bake sale **NEXT** 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. If you wish to donate a baked good please let Maura McPartland know.



LAST CALL!!

Do you want to take a trip with fellow parishioners to see **NOAH** at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, December 4th? This is a special stage show with 140 live animal co—stars. Come and watch this fantastic Bible story come to life.

The coach bus will leave New Milford early in the morning and we will see the afternoon show and return to home later that evening.

The cost is \$200 person; \$160 for children 12 & under. A deposit of \$50 payable to St. Francis Xavier is required to hold your reservation. The balance would be due by Monday, October 20th.

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 St. Francis Xavier Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on Monday, October 20th at 1:00 pm at the Parish Center 1 Elm St.

ALL are welcome!

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



~Free Concert with refreshments~ Connecticut Brass (formerly Danbury Brass Band) 2-3:30 PM Sunday, October 26th Our Lady of the Lakes Church 3 Old Town Park Rd., New Milford

Come celebrate the tradition!

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:

10/12/25 \$ 5,507.00

Our second collection **THIS** weekend; 10/18 & 10/19 is for the World Mission Sunday -Propagation of the Faith

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 on Sunday, Nov. 2nd here at St. Francis Xavier Church.

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



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. 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

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.

La Week

Mon.,10/20 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Prayer Shawl Ministry 1 pm Parish Cntr.
Portuguese Rosary 5 pm—OLOL Church
Choir Practice 7 pm SFX Church
Choir Practice - en Español - 7 pm
SFX Church hall

Tues., 10/21 Mass 8:30 am OLOL Church Rosary - 9 am - OLOL Church LHTC clean 9 am SFX Church & hall Knights of Columbus 7 pm SFX C/H

Wed., 10/22 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church
Mass 8:30 am SFX Church
Bible Study 9:30—11 am SFX C/H
Scribner Pest Control—all properties
Living Rosary 6:30 pm SFX Church
Confirmation students & Confraternity
of the Rosary

Thurs., 10/23 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., 10/24 Rosary - 8 am - SFX Church Mass 8:30 am SFX Church Adoration 9 -10 am SFX Church Burials SFX Cemetery 10:30 am & noon

Sat., 10/25 Mass - 8:30 am - SFX Church
Baptisms 1 & 3 pm SFX Church
Confession - 4 pm - SFX Church
Vigil Mass - 5 pm - SFX Church
Confraternity of the Rosary bake sale
following Mass
October Count

Sun., 10/26 Mass - 8:30 am - OLOL Church Reconciliation 8:30—9:45 am P/C Mass - 10 am - SFX Church Mass - 10 am OLPH Church Mass - 11:30 am SFX Church en Español October Count Confraternity of the Rosary bake sale following Masses at SFX Church

Brass Band OLOL 2 pm

Wedding OLPH 2 pm

We continue to accept donations of bottles and cans. We have an account at the Three Veterans Bottle and Can Redemption Center. 100 percent of all donations stays with the Parish. You may drop off your items at the Parish Center or OUTSIDE IN THE NEW REDEMPTION BOX BY THE BACK DOOR at St. Francis Xavier Church or you can drop by the Church office for a sticker and bring them to the center yourself. Any questions call Chris in the office at 860-354-2202. Thanks for considering us



Seguimos aceptando donaciones de botellas y latas. Tenemos una cuenta en el Centro de Redención de Botellas y Latas de Tres Veteranos. El 100 por ciento de todas las donaciones se quedan con la parroquia. Puede dejar sus artículos en el Centro Parroquial o **NUEVA CAJA AFUERA** $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{N}$ LA REDENCIÓN POR LA PUERTA TRASERA en la Iglesia de San Francisco Javier o puede pasar por la oficina de la Iglesia para obtener una calcomanía y llevarlos al centro usted mismo. Cualquier pregunta llame a Chris en la oficina al 860-354-2202. Gracias por considerarnos.

The Celebration of the Eucharist:
The daily Mass is broadcast live Monday through Friday and on tape delay on Saturday & Sunday at 10:00 am on WCCT-TV & WCTX-TV (My TV9).
It can also be viewed Saturday & Sunday at 5:00 am on WCCT-TV.
The Mass from ORTV can also be found streaming live at these times on http://www.ortv.org/streaming/streaming.htm.

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



The St. Francis Xavier's Women's Guild will be selling tickets for our annual Drawing Basket fundraiser. The goal is to raise \$500. for the Christmas Giving Fund. Tickets will be sold after all Masses **THIS** Saturday, 10/18 and Sunday, 10/19. Winners will be announced after the Sunday, 10/19 11:30 am Mass. You don't have to be present to win. Tickets are 1 for \$1., 6 for \$5. or 15 for \$10.

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?

- 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!

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!



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

*SUNDAY 8:30—9:45 AM AND
*SUNDAY 11:15 AM—12:30 PM
OCTOBER 19TH
*MONDAY 6—7:15 PM
OCTOBER 20TH

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 2ND

*MONDAY 6—7:15 PM NOVEMBER 3RD

*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 2 children on Sunday, 10/19 and Monday, 10/20.

It will be presented to the grade 3 children on Sunday, 11/2 and Monday, 11/3

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

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.

CONFIRMATION:

Please attend the Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church 26 Chestnut Land Rd. After completing the Rosary we will have a meet-

After completing the Rosary we will have a meeting and Karen will explain the entire Confirmation program. And you will also receive a calendar with all the important dates.

Any questions call Karen at 86-354-5372.



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 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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THIS WEEK' READINGS:

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/ Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4

-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab,

5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next 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



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