

Divine Providence, Holy Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Katharine Drexel Parishes



Photo: Visit of the Magi from the Christmas Crèche at St. Maurice Church

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

**Divine Providence Parish at
St. Joseph Church
195 South Main St.
New Britain, CT 06051**

**Holy Apostles Parish at
St. John the Evangelist Church
655 East St.
New Britain, CT 06051**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish
1755 Stanley St.
New Britain, CT 06053
Sunday Mass 10:00a.m.**

**St. Katharine Drexel Parish at
St. Jerome Church
1010 Slater Rd.
New Britain, CT 06053**

**SATURDAY VIGIL
4:00p.m. at St. Jerome**

**SUNDAY
7:30a.m. at St. John
9:00a.m. at St. Joseph
10:00a.m. at St. Francis
11:30a.m. at St. Jerome**

**DAILY MASS at St. Francis
8:00a.m. Monday - Saturday
5:30p.m. Monday - Friday**

**Confessions
will be 1/2 hour before
the weekday Masses
7:30-7:50a.m. and 5:00-5:20p.m.
at St. Francis
3:00-4:00p.m. on Saturday at St. Jerome**

**As of January 1st, St. Andrew, St. Peter and
St. Maurice Churches will no longer be used
for regular Masses.**



Pastor

Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacons

James Arena
Alan Bielawski
Joseph Kane

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EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

St. Francis Parish has an email notification system which alerts parishioners to changes/cancellations in scheduling due to inclement weather or other unforeseen events. In anticipation of the January merger, St. Katharine Drexel, Divine Providence, and Holy Apostles Parishes are invited to opt in to the St. Francis notification system.

To opt in, email your request with your full name and email address to:

notification@stfranciscatholic.org

Please note: We do not send texts and cannot make phone calls.

Picture of the week.....



Meet our Office Staff - Maryellen, Cari, Janet and Joyce

Helping Our Parish Grow

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Due to the early submission of the bulletin, the collection amounts will be in an upcoming bulletin.

Thank you to all who support our parish.
Your dedication to your parish
is greatly appreciated.

Prayer Line



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AA meets every Saturday at 7p.m.
in the hall at St. Jerome Church.

From our Pastor....

My dear friends,

This is the first weekend of our coming together with new Mass schedules and in only four of our seven churches. There has been a lot of work which has gone into getting everything ready for this weekend and I am immensely grateful for everyone who has made this possible.



This weekend is the Solemnity of the Epiphany, when we particularly celebrate the visit of the Magi, coming to find the newborn Christ. The Magi came from far off lands, traveling through, “Field and fountain, moor and mountain.” They read the signs in creation and found Jesus. This weekend brings the reality that some of us may be traveling to “distant lands” across the city to attend Mass in a church we’ve never been to before. But, just like with the Magi, Jesus is worth the journey. He is worth the change in location or time or the faces around us.

Another point about the Magi is that they were foreigners. They came from far away lands, and their presence in Bethlehem is a constant reminder that the Gospel is not limited to only a very select group of people, but rather is open to everyone. While parish communities need to be groups of people who know and care for one another, we can never lose sight of the fact that all are welcome in our Churches, even people we would consider “foreigners” because they belong to another parish or church. Jesus is the great unifier of humanity and we ourselves need to be recipients of his unity.

I am very excited for what I think we can accomplish for our parishes and city by all working together. We are members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. There has already been much positive talk about how we can help each other in all of the great ministries we are each committed to. Please continue to pray for the success of our endeavor, so that each of us may find, know, and worship the newborn Christ together with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

-Fr. Casey



Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b;
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,
21-22



Saturday January 1: Mary Mother of God
10:00 am: **St. Jerome:**
Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday Vigil:
4:00 pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:**
Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday January 2: Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 am: **St John:**
Intention of the Celebrant

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** + For the deceased
members of the Cales Family

10:00 am: **St. Francis:** + Robert Corr

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Lucien Sr. & Lucien Jr.
Paradis

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday January 3:
8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday January 4:
8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: + Marian & Antoni Michalowski

Wednesday January 5:
8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday January 6:
8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: Pro populo

Friday January 7:
8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: + John Rogers Sr.

Saturday January 8:
4:00 pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Joseph Crowley

Sunday January 9:
7:30 am: **St John:**
Intention of the Celebrant

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** + Angelina Fisicaro

10:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the
Celebrant

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Rita Bagdasarian

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Jerome:
Mondays 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

St. Joseph:
Wednesdays 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.

St. Francis:
Thursdays 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

St. John:
TBD

Mass Intentions can be scheduled for January through March only. With the newly reduced Sunday Mass schedule, only registered parishioners may request a weekend intention. Our parish offices are now combined and you may call 860-224-2411 to schedule a Mass. The office is located in the Parish Center at St. Jerome.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 27
 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd
 Meets the first Monday
 of each month

HOLY HOUR 6-7 pm - MEETING 7-8 pm

Any practicing Catholic man aged 18 years or older is welcome to join Council 27! Please contact kofc27@stfranciscatholic.org for more information.

VOLUNTEERS
needed

We are looking for a volunteer to clean a 3ft x 3ft commercial grill, once a week. This grill is used Monday evenings for Bingo at St. Jerome and needs to be cleaned on Tuesday or Wednesday. Please call the parish office at 860-224-2411 if you are able to help.

BINGO!!



Monday Evenings
 in the St. Jerome Church Hall
 1010 Slater Rd., New Britain
 Doors open at 5p.m.
 Games begin at 6:30p.m.

Due to the early submission of the bulletin, please see the outdoor sign for the Jackpot amounts.

Kitchen Volunteers for January 3:

Tim Sanders, Paul Jones, Ludger Bedard
 Chef: Rich Valerio

Bingo every Sunday at St. John the Evangelist
 655 East St., New Britain

Doors open at 12:30p.m., Games begin at 2:00p.m.

Important Notice

The St Francis Ladies Guild will not be having a monthly meeting in January. Meetings will resume in February weather and Covid permitting. Watch bulletin for information.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLESSING THE HOME

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel (top of the frame) of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21

while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human over two thousand years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Blessed chalk is available at each church.



EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE!

Our next drive is Thursday, January 6
 1pm - 6pm in the hall at
 St. Jerome Church.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
 or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Prayer Shawls



Do you know someone who is ill, has lost a loved one or is struggling with difficult life situations and could use some comfort? If so, please consider giving them a blessed prayer shawl. There are many colors to choose from. Please stop by the parish office if you would like one. The prayer shawls are given at no charge.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!



Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests and caring and practical support. Their guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright volunteers have served in CT since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are seven Birthright chapters in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you .

Birthright is also in need of gently worn maternity and baby clothing. Please call the above number to arrange to drop off the clothing.

MONTH NINE – Baby is Born! Spiritual Adoption Program



Here I am!" Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - - nine months after his/her mother conceived him/her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He/she is no different now than he/she before birth except that he breathes and eats differently. He/she is truly a miracle. He began as a 46-chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist that is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved his/her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies that you cared enough to pray for him/her and his/her mother. . HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABY!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and there are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>. Take time for your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Welcome to our parishes! We are pleased to have you share in our celebration of the Eucharist. We invite you to register and become part of our Parish family. Please complete the information below and mail it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket. You may also use this form for an address change.

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