

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



Second Sunday of Lent
March 13, 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
8:00a.m. at St. Francis
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
3:00-3:45p.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.**



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Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Please join our email notification system which alerts parishioners to changes/cancellations in scheduling due to inclement weather or other unforeseen events. This will be the primary way to communicate to our parishioners.

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.

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Pictures of the week...

Ash Wednesday



Prayer Line

In need of Prayers? Please call our "Spirit of Love" Prayer Line.

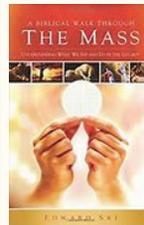
Mary M. at 860-225-3890 (Call between 2-4p.m.)



We are beginning Small Group Parish Bible Studies in the coming weeks. The goal of these is to have small groups of 6-10 people meet each week to read, pray with, and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings. If you'd like to join a group, please fill in the form below to let us know which days, times and locations work for you! You may give the slip to an usher or drop it off at the parish office.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

A Book Study Program



In *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* by Edward Sri, come to discover how the Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear Him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive Him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Join us Mondays in Lent (March 14, 21, and 28) at 6:15p.m. at St. Francis School located at 1755 Stanley St., New Britain.

Small Group Bible Study Sign-up

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Date time Interest:



	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Morning							
After-							
Evening							

Saints of the Week:

Saint Patrick, Bishop - Fifth Century - Patron Saint of Ireland



Today's saint, the Patron of Ireland, was English. He was born in an unknown year to Catholic parents in an educated home in Roman Britain. His father was a deacon and his grandfather a married priest. When he first went to Ireland, he did not go willingly. He was kidnapped by pirates at the age of sixteen and enslaved. He went from the warm embrace of his home to herding pigs, exposed to sleet and cold, starving on the rain-soaked coast of rural Ireland. In young Patrick's years of isolation, cold, hunger, and loss, prayer was his only nourishment and comfort. His captivity turned a boy into a man and transformed a tepid Christian into an ardent soul burning with love for the Holy Trinity.

After six years of torturous enslavement, Patrick escaped his captors and made the difficult voyage back to his own nation, family, and language. But the Irish were never far from his mind. One night, he had a dream. Patrick sees a man he knew in Ireland named Victoricus approaching from the west. Victoricus holds countless letters and hands one to Patrick. It is titled "The Voice of the Irish." As he begins to read the letter, Patrick hears a multitude of voices rising, as if one, from a forest near the Western Sea: "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." Patrick is deeply moved. Unable to read any more, he wakes up.

Patrick decides to be a slave of Christ and to return as a missionary to Ireland. Feeling himself unprepared, he first studies for many years at monasteries in France. After receiving an excellent education in the Faith, he receives priestly and episcopal ordination. He then embarks as a fully equipped missionary for his adopted homeland, where he finds a rustic people steeped in paganism. It is not today's paganism—well read, superior, and too sophisticated to believe in religious "mythology." Real paganism casts spells, calls down lightning from the night sky, mixes potions to poison its enemies, and forms flames into swords for battle. Real paganism invokes the devil because it knows satan keeps his appointments. This is the dark paganism Patrick finds lurking in the foggy hills and bogs of his new land.

Saint Patrick converts the Irish, one tribe after another. He matches the tribes' preternatural forces with supernatural powers. There are numerous anecdotes, of dubious historicity, describing how Patrick turned an enemy into a fox, converted his walking staff into a tree, or drove all the snakes out of Ireland. These tales illustrate a deeper point—Saint Patrick had command over creation itself and used that power to communicate the truth of the Christian God who created creation. There is no doubt that Saint Patrick harvested an immense number of souls.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/march-17-saint-patrick-bishop/>



Please pray for
the repose of the soul of
Lillian G. LaCombe
and for her family and friends.



March 5-6, 2022: \$18,600.76
This amount includes the basket, mail in and online donations.

Mass Attendance for the weekend: 754

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

Archbishop's Annual Appeal



The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

For the sixth year in a row, in 2021, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 180 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.

Organizations such as CCARC, Prudence Crandall Center and Klingberg Family Center, right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Fridays during Lent
12:10pm at St. Peter
7:30pm at St. Francis

Lenten Abstinence

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Day of Fast means one large meal, no eating between meals for those between 18-59 years of age. Abstinence means that no meat may be eaten. All those 14 years of age and older are required to abstain. Health concerns take precedence over these requirements.

Pastoral Care Ministry



We are most eager to help anyone who is unable to join us at Mass because of illness, handicap or age. Any parishioner in need of anointing of the sick or sacramental care at home, assisted living, hospital or care facility, please call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 and we will be happy to arrange a visit.



Saturday, March 12:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
4:00 pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Betty Fredericks

Sunday, March 13:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** + Barbara Goodrich
9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** + Patrick Hamel
10:00 am: **St. Francis:** Pope Francis
11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Gino and Eugenio Riccardi

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, March 14:

8:00 am: + Souls of Purgatory
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, March 15:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 16:

8:00 am: + Tim Cote
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, March 17:

8:00 am: + Joseph Rudnansky
5:30 pm: Pro populo

Friday, March 18:

8:00 am: + Paul and Barbara Timura
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, March 19:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
4:00 pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Ronald Ormsby

Sunday, March 20:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** + Clayton Voisine
10:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
11:30 am: **St. Jerome:**
+ Sharon (Bannon) D'Alessandro

To schedule a Mass,
please call the parish office, located in the
Parish Center at St. Jerome at 860-224-2411.

Are you going food shopping?
Fill a few bags for the food pantry!

Our parishes are the support for the Food Pantry at St. Joseph's. It is open every Tuesday morning from 9:30a.m. to 10:30a.m. Please consider adding a few of these items on your grocery list.

We are currently in need of the following non-perishable food items:

- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meats and Tuna
- Instant Potato and Rice Mixes
- Raman Noodles and Soups
- Pasta Sauce
- Mac and Cheese
- Snack Items: Cookies, Crackers and Chips

Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Hour

The Fatima/Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be held (today) Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 2pm at St. Francis Church. Please come and pray for personal healing and peace. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima.

BINGO!

Monday Evenings - St. Jerome Church Hall
1010 Slater Rd., New Britain

Doors open at 5p.m. - Games begin at 6:30p.m.
Jackpots: \$1,500 and \$600

Sunday Afternoons - St. John the Evangelist
655 East St., New Britain

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



You may have questions...
...we can help with the answers.
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**How is Easter Sunday determined?
Palm Sunday?
Ash Wednesday?**



Jesus rose from the dead on the first Sunday following the feast of Passover. (Technically, He may have risen Saturday night, but that still counts as Sunday on the Jewish reckoning, which begins each day at sunset instead of at midnight.) The date of Passover is a complicated thing. Theoretically, the date should be the 14th of the Jewish month of Nisan, and it should correspond to a full moon (the Jewish calendar being partly lunar). In practice, it didn't always work out that way. The month-moon cycles got out of synch, and sometimes feasts would be held on a "liturgical" full moon even when it was not an astronomical full moon. As a result, rabbis periodically had to announce when Passover would be celebrated. Christians didn't like being dependent on the pronouncements of rabbis for how to celebrate Christian feasts, so they came up with another way of determining the date. They decided that Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday after (never on) the Paschal full moon.



Theoretically, the Paschal full moon is the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox. However, this day can be reckoned in different ways. One way is by looking at the sky, which yields the astronomical spring equinox. But since this shifts from year to year, most people follow the calendrical spring equinox, which is reckoned as March 21. On the Gregorian calendar (the one that we use), Easter is the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after March 21. Easter thus always falls between March 22 and April 25.

Now, to find Palm Sunday (the sixth Sunday of Lent) you start with the date of Easter and back up one week: It is the Sunday before Easter Sunday.



To find Ash Wednesday, you start with the date of Easter Sunday, back up six weeks (that gives you the first Sunday of Lent), and then back up four more days: Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/ga/how-is-easter-sunday-determined-palm-sunday-ash-wednesday>

The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship Application



The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship is a memorial scholarship primarily available to eligible members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish. In addition thereto, the Trustees have the authority to award scholarships to students who are members of other Roman Catholic parishes in New Britain. **A student/applicant must have been a member of his/her parish for at least one year prior to application.**

The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship was established in 2016 by Kenneth Revoir in memory and in honor of his mother, Martha Revoir, a parishioner of St. Maurice Church, now known as St. Katharine Drexel Parish. In creating the scholarship trust, it was Mr. Revoir's intention that students be able to pursue the education for which they are qualified in order to become successful, productive citizens. Scholarships with a minimum of \$2,500 may be awarded to full time students who are enrolled at an accredited college, university or community college or are pursuing a course of study which will prepare them for a trade or profession at an accredited educational facility which awards degrees or certification and has a full time faculty. Scholarships may include assistance with tuition, fees, books, and living expenses. Please see the application for complete details.

Scholarship applications may be obtained at the parish office or online at www.stkdrexelct.org. It is extremely important that all requirements and deadlines contained in the application process are met in a timely manner. Failure to enclose the required materials and to meet the deadlines will cause the application to be deemed incomplete and it will not be forwarded to the Trustees for consideration. **Please note the deadline has been extended to April 15, 2022.**



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.

AA Meetings

Wednesdays at 7pm: basement at St. Francis Church

Fridays at 7pm: school at St. Joseph
(Spanish speaking group)

Saturdays at 7pm: hall at St. Jerome Church



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