

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 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**

**St. Andrew, St. John, St. Peter and St.
Maurice Churches are no longer used for
regular Masses.**



Pastor
Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
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James Arena
Alan Bielawski
Joseph Kane

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Penance Service and Holy Hour

When: Monday of Holy Week - April 11

Where: St. Jerome Church
1010 Slater Rd., New Britain

Time: 6:00pm

"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so we rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."

Pope Francis



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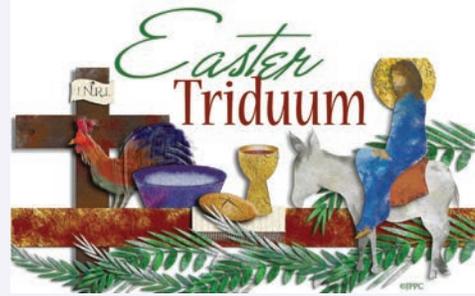
Fridays during Lent
12:10pm at St. Peter
7:30pm at St. Francis

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.)



2022 Holy Week Schedule



Triduum Services

All Services will be held at St. Jerome Church

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 15, 2022
Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022
Easter Vigil - 9:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022
The Resurrection of the Lord
8:00am Mass at St. Francis
9:00am Mass at St. Joseph
10:00am Mass at St. Francis
11:30am Mass at St. Jerome



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.

Small Group Bible Study Sign-up

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Date time Interest:



	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Morning							
After-							
Evening							

Saint of the Week:
St. Francis of Paola



Francis was born at Paola, Italy and was educated at the Franciscan friary of San Marco there, and when fifteen became a hermit near Paola. In 1436, he and two companions began a community that is considered the foundation of the Minim Friars. He built a monastery where he had led his eremitical life some fifteen years later and set a Rule for his followers emphasizing penance, charity, and humility, and added to the three monastic vows, one of fasting and abstinence from meat; he also wrote a rule for tertiaries and nuns. He was credited with many miracles and had the gifts of prophesy and insight into men's hearts. The Order was approved by Pope Sixtus IV in 1474 with the name Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi (changed to Minim Friars in 1492). Francis established foundations in southern Italy and Sicily, and his fame was such that at the request of dying King Louis XI of France, Pope Sixtus II ordered him to France, as the King felt he could be cured by Francis. He was not, but was so comforted that Louis' son Charles VIII, became Francis' friend and endowed several monasteries for the Minims. Francis spent the rest of his life at the monastery of Plessis, France, which Charles built for him. Francis died there on April 2nd and was canonized in 1519. His feast day is April 2.

Credits to: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=645

Pictures of the week...

Congratulations Evelyn on being received into the Catholic Church this weekend!



Weekly Collection

March 19-20, 2022: \$15,506.76

This amount includes the basket, mail in and online donations.

Mass Attendance for the weekend: 678

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



PLEASE HELP!

There is a NATIONAL BLOOD SUPPLY SHORTAGE!

We still have openings please consider making an appointment.

Our next drive is Thursday, March 31 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)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b;
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;
Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;
Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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.

*Remember
The
Deceased*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Dorothy A. Field
Joseph M. Restelli
Joseph Alfred Norman Fortier
Robert James McGuigan
and for their families and friends.



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 26:

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

Sunday, March 27:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** + Joseph Cannata
9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** + Lucia Cataldo
10:00 am: **St. Francis:** + Lillian G. LaCombe
11:30 am: **St. Jerome:**
+ Donald and Laurel Klepacki

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, March 28:

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

Tuesday, March 29:

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

Wednesday, March 30:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: + Lillian LaCombe

Thursday, March 31:

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

Friday, April 1:

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

Saturday, April 2:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:**
The Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford
4:00 pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Richard DiMauro

Sunday, April 3:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** + Dinh Ho
10:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Gino Ricciardi

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

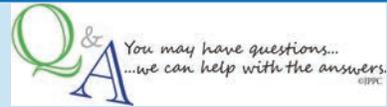


Our parishes are the support for the Food Pantry at St. Joseph's. It is open every Tuesday morning from 9:30am-10:30am. Please consider adding a few of these items on your grocery list.

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.



If an attempt is made by a non-ordained Catholic to confect the Eucharist, would that be considered a sacrilege or a sin of "simulating" a sacrament? Or both?

It would be both. Obviously, it is simulating a sacrament. And that is grave sin. But it is also sacrilege because of the profanation (making profane that which is sacred by nature) involved in abusing the liturgy, which is sacred, as well as the altar being used, vessels, etc. These are all classic examples of sacrilege (CCC 2120; CIC 1367, 1376).

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/sacrilege-by-a-non-ordained-catholic-by-way-of-the-eucharist>

Archbishop's Annual Appeal



It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2022 Appeal literature!

Organizations such as Friendship Service Center, CCARC, and Prudence Crandall Center right here in our own town, received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.

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.

Congratulations to our 2022 St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation Recipients Mary Label, Mary Eudy and Nancy White!



Nancy White is missing from the picture.

BINGO!

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

Doors open at 5p.m. - Games begin at 6:30p.m.

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

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

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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