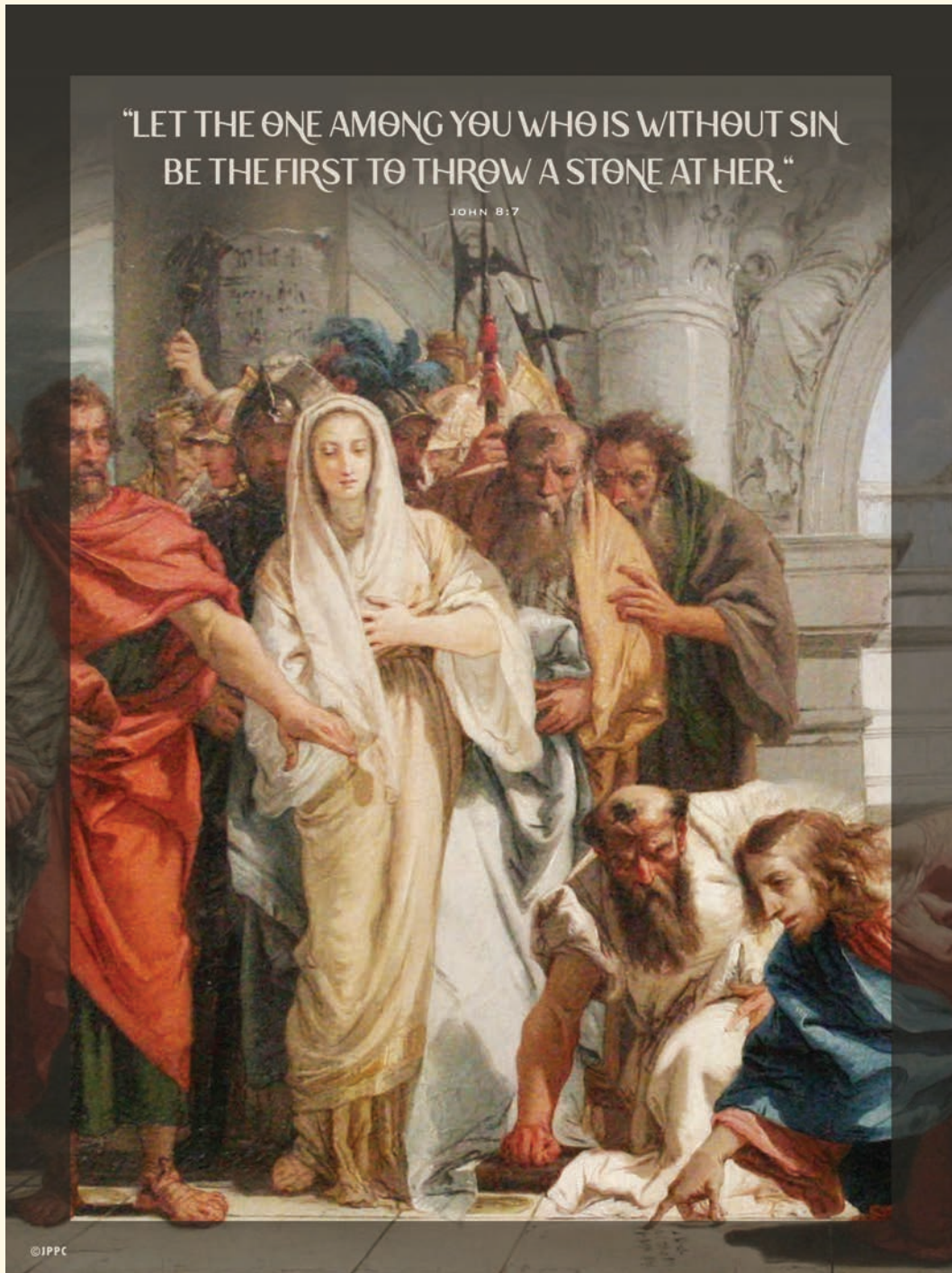


Divine Providence, Holy Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Katharine Drexel Parishes



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

**Divine Providence Parish at
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**Holy Apostles Parish at
St. John the Evangelist Church
655 East St.
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**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
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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



STATIONS of the CROSS

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:

Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest
 c. 1350–1419 Patron Saint of builders



Saint Dominic de Guzman, a Spanish priest, founded the Order of Preachers in the early thirteenth century. He wanted to establish an Order of priests who were well educated in theology, adept at preaching the truths they lived, and who had more flexibility than a monastery-bound priest to travel and evangelize. Over a century later, today's saint was born in Saint Dominic's own country, joined the Dominican Order, and carried out in the most dynamic and complete way the essential vision of Saint Dominic. Saint Vincent Ferrer was well educated and a powerfully effective preacher. He travelled almost without cease throughout Western Europe, impacting the lives of untold thousands of people through his example of holiness, his supernatural gifts, and his preaching. Saint Vincent was the ideal Dominican.

Vincent was born in Valencia, on the southern coast of Spain, to an English father and a Spanish mother. He was named in honor of Saint Vincent Martyr, who met his death in the same city in the fourth century. Vincent received an excellent education and earned a doctorate in theology at a young age. It was said that he read exclusively Scripture for three full years and had committed much of it to memory. He taught philosophy and then took up advanced studies, in Barcelona, of Islam and Judaism.

Our saint spent most of his life as an itinerant preacher on the highways and byways of Spain, France, and Italy, drawing enormous crowds and inspiring them to a deeper life in Christ. Near the end of his life, Vincent's effective preaching played a decisive role at the Council of Constance in 1414. He convinced the Spanish King to cease supporting the very pope who Vincent had previously backed in the Schism. Vincent was man enough to see that his candidate had become an obstacle to Church unity. Vincent thus lived a hard lesson in humility when his man was abandoned, excommunicated, and judged by history to have been an antipope. Saint Vincent fittingly died on one of his incessant missionary journeys, far from home in Northern France, at the age of sixty-nine. His reputation for holiness was such that he was canonized a saint in 1455, within the lifetime of many who had heard him preach.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/april-5-saint-vincent-ferrer-priest/>

Palm Sunday Processional Gatherings



The 9:00am Mass
 will gather outside the rectory of St. Joseph.

The 10:00am Mass
 will gather outside the Catholic Center
 at St. Francis (1765 Stanley St.).

The 11:30am Mass
 will gather by the Church sign at St. Jerome.

The 4:00pm Vigil and 8:00am Masses
 will gather as normal in the respective
 Churches.

Extra palms will be available at
 St. Francis after 2:00pm.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or
Lk 23:1-49

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.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet



Join us on the first Saturday of the month to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We begin before the Saturday morning Mass at 7:15am.

The Mass intention is for the Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. All are welcome.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Derrick Straughn
Helen Myska

James J. Cullum, Jr.
Sandra Lee Lockery

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, 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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, April 4:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: + Priests and Religious in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 5:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, April 6:

8:00 am: + Deceased Members of the Boleslaw
and Kragiel Family

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 7:

8:00 am: + Margaret Bandzi

5:30 pm: Pro populo

Friday, April 8:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 9:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:**

+ Leonora and Stanley Gryniuk

Sunday, April 10:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** + James Kron

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** + The Fisicaro Family

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

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Rev. Edward M. LaRose

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.



March 26-27, 2022: \$10,484.00

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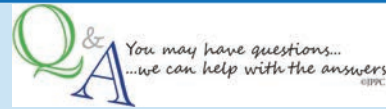
Mass Attendance for the weekend: 715

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

Fatima Divine Mercy Holy Hour

The next Fatima Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be held on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 2pm at St. Francis Church. Please come and pray for personal healing and peace. Bring a friend!

Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima.



What does it mean for something to be contingent instead of necessary?

To be contingent means that something doesn't have to exist; it could be different, or it could not be at all. Contingent things need other things in order to stay in existence. For example, humans need the oxygen that plants create, the oxygen we breathe needs an atmosphere, the atmosphere requires the planet's gravity in order to stay together, and so on. We know that humans are contingent because we can imagine a world without them. We can do the same for other contingent objects such as stars and planets.

In contrast, something is necessary when it is not contingent and so could not be different. The three sides of a triangle are necessary because it is impossible to draw a triangle with more or fewer sides. This fact can't be different, so we say a triangle's three sides are necessary to a triangle.

The contingency argument for the existence of God claims the universe's existence is dependent on something that is not dependent upon anything else in order to exist. Its existence ultimately depends on a "necessary" being: God.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/what-does-it-mean-for-something-to-be-contingent-instead-of-necessary>

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.

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.**

BINGO!

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1010 Slater Rd., New Britain

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Sunday Afternoons - St. John the Evangelist

655 East St., New Britain

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AA Meetings

Wednesdays at 7pm: basement at St. Francis Church

Fridays at 7pm: school at St. Joseph
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