

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 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

**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
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Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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Alan Bielawski
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EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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Saint Matthias the Apostle

First Century

The tradition that all bishops, must have successors is rooted not just in the early Church but in Judaism. The Twelve Apostles are more often referred to in the New Testament by their number than their names. They are, simply, “The Twelve.” This custom is rooted in the twelve tribes who settled the land of Canaan after the Exodus from Egypt. These tribes were founded by the twelve sons of the Patriarch Jacob, later renamed Israel. It was inside of this Old Testament Jewish tradition that Jesus Christ acted when He chose twelve men upon whom to found His Church. Jesus specifically states that His followers will sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Mt. 19:28, Lk. 22:30). And the Book of Revelation states that the names of the twelve tribes of Israel will be written on the gates of the Heavenly Jerusalem (Rev. 21:12 ff).

It was fitting, then, when “The Twelve” were reduced to “The Eleven” after Judas’ self murder, that the fullness of the biblical number had to be restored. And this is where today’s saint steps out from the shadows to play his role in Christian history. The first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, tells us that, after the Ascension, the eleven Apostles returned to Jerusalem. There, Peter “stood up among the believers” to tell them that someone who had “accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us... must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” Two names were proposed to replace Judas: Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They cast lots. Matthias was chosen. An Apostle, for the first time, had a successor. And, of equal significance, the appointment came from the group, or college, of Apostles, led by Peter. Thus was established, just days after Christ left the earth, a form of Church preservation and growth which would be repeated, and is still repeated, tens of thousand of times in Christian history. The Church has placed the Feast of St. Matthias purposefully close to the Feast of the Ascension, just as his election in Acts occurred so soon after that event in the Bible.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/may-14---saint-matthias-the-apostle/>



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

We are seeking to grow our hospitality ministry in each of our four churches. Hospitality ministers help welcome people to Mass, assist with any needs during Mass, greet people as they leave, help ensure the church is ready for the next Mass, and also help with social events after Mass. If you would be interested in helping us in this way, please contact the parish office.

Pictures of the Week



Archbishops Annual Appeal

The Archbishops Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as Siena Learning Center, Morning Mingle and St. Joseph's food pantry right here in our own town received funding from the Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are 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



A special invitation to Divine Providence, Holy Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi, & St. Katharine Drexel Parishes!

SAVE THE DATES

May 21 - 27, 2023

Join us on a 7-Day Pilgrimage to Mexico, in Honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Highlights include Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Taxco, Puebla, Tlaxcala, and Teotihuacan.

WHO IS LEADING THE PILGRIMAGE?
Fr. Casey and Fr. Gutierrez will be leading this special parish pilgrimage. The itinerary was designed to give thanks to Our Lord through Our Lady. We hope this pilgrimage will offer parishioners the opportunity to worship and pray in holy places providing graces to return home transformed.

WHO CAN ATTEND?
Families and friends of Divine Providence, Holy Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Katharine Drexel Parishes.

HOW DO I JOIN?
Tour brochures with enrollment information will be available in July. To request a brochure email: peter@petersway.com (Ask for Tour Code 9902).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13;
Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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.



May Crowning

Please join us as we celebrate
this special occasion in honor of Our Lady!

May 8th

St. Jerome

after 11:30 AM Mass

May 15th

St. Joseph

after 9:00 AM Mass

May 22nd

St. Francis

after 10:00 AM Mass



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.)



Saturday, May 7:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** Special Intention

4pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Jane Wilhelmy
and Donna Boers

Sunday, May 8:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** +Vivian Kron-Crabtree

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** +Salvatore and Dolores Paladino

10:00 am: **St. Francis:** +Steve Ludwikow

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Matthew Carlina

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, May 9:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: +Giuseppe and Rose Riccardi

Tuesday, May 10:

8:00 am: +Carlo Carlozzi, Sr.

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, May 11:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 12:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Pro Populo

Friday, May 13:

8:00 am: Joseph Dubois

5:30 pm: Special Intention

Saturday, May 14:

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

4pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Percy D. Thompson

Sunday, May 15:

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** +Marguerit Clark

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** +John J. Dougherty

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

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Matthew Petraniuk

To Schedule a Mass. please call the Parish
office, located at St. Jerome at 860-224-2411



Our parishes are the support for the Food Pantry at St. Joseph's. It's 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.



May 1, 2022: \$14,283.33

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of May 1: 735

Thank you to all who support our parish.

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

BINGO!

Monday Evenings - St. Jerome Church Hall

1010 Slater Rd., New Britain

Doors open at 5pm Games begin at 6:30pm

Sunday Afternoons - St. John the Evangelist

655 East St., New Britain

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How Did the Disciples Recognize Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration?

The Gospels do not explain how the disciples were able to recognize Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, so any answer is a guess.

Possible ways the disciples were able to recognize Moses and Elijah:

- Jesus referred to them by name in his conversation with them, and the disciples overheard it.
- The disciples overheard the conversation, and the context informed them with whom Jesus was speaking.
- They had something unique about their appearance that made them readily recognizable (Exodus 34:29; 2 Kings 1:8).
- There was some sort of heavenly announcement that wasn't recorded in the Gospels.
- Jesus explained to the disciples who they were.
- They were divinely inspired to recognize them, similar to God's revelation to Peter that Jesus is the messiah.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/how-did-the-disciples-recognize-moses-and-elijah-at-the-transfiguration>



Calling all Parishioners...

If you have treasures to sell why not rent a table at the Parish Tag & Craft Sale on Saturday, May 21 at the St. Joseph School on Edson St. (behind St. Joseph Church). The doors will be open from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Table rental is \$10 per table and you can reserve your space by calling Ellen at 860-936-4215. We cannot accept donations of items at this time. Table rental only.

Also, we will be having a Bake Sale at the same event. Donate your best cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies and breads to sell at the event. Call Elaine at 860-828-1616 to sign up to bake. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit Council 31 Knights of Columbus' programs and activities. Looking forward to a successful parish activity.



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Please come and join us on Mondays April 25 through June 27 at 6:15pm at St. Francis School to explore our faith, traditions and to have a deeper understanding of what we celebrate.

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, assisted living, hospital or care facility, please call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 and we will be happy to arrange a visit.

New Britain Council of Catholic Women

May 26th (Thursday) at 1:00PM – Celebration of our Holy Rosary will take place at Our Lady of Mercy church located on 19 South Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062. The recitation of our most holy rosary will be followed by light refreshments. All catholic women are invited to participate in our annual homage to the Blessed Virgin.



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