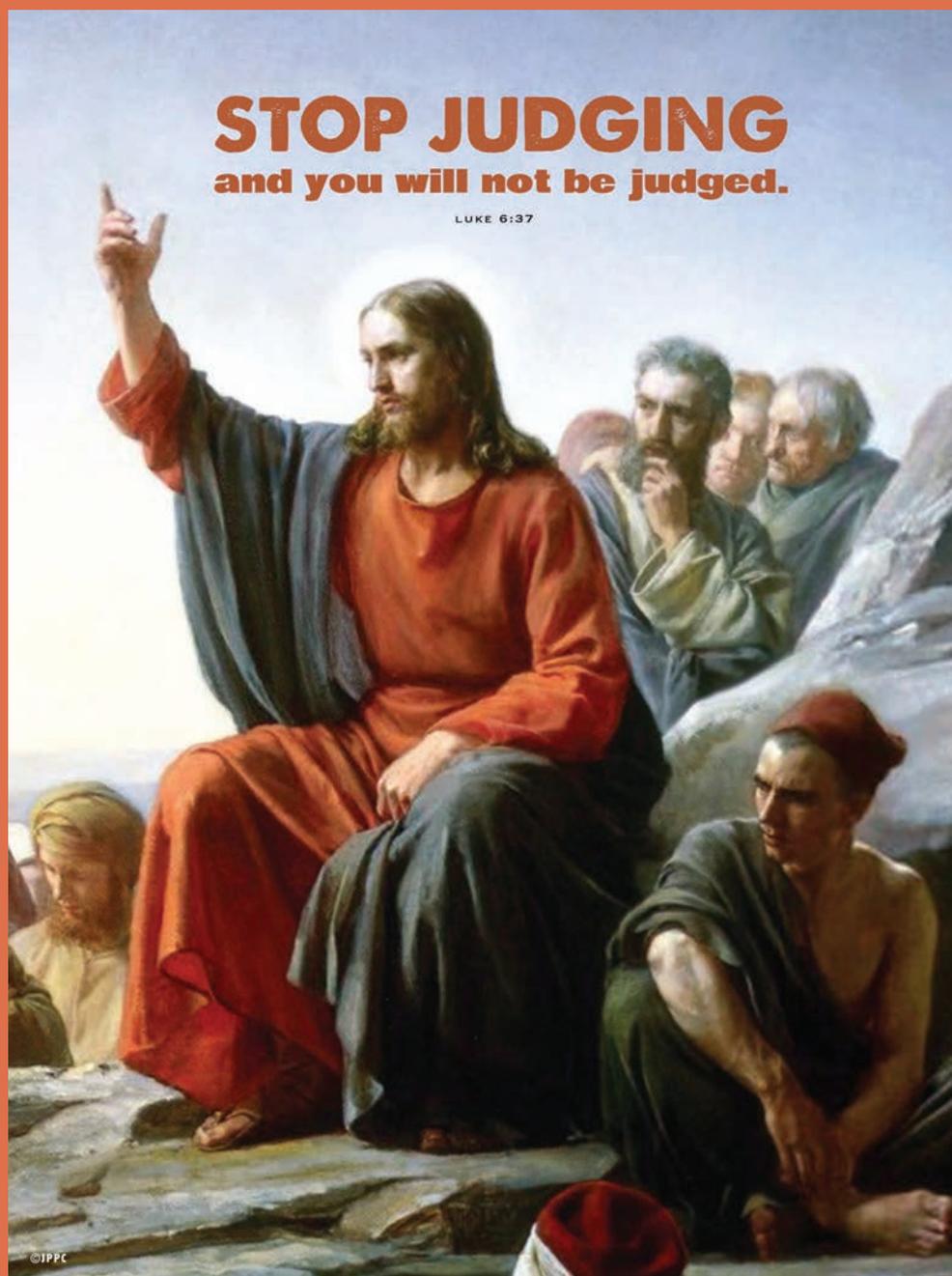


**Divine Providence, Holy Apostles,
St. Francis of Assisi, St. Katharine Drexel
Parishes**



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

**Divine Providence Parish at
St. Joseph Church
195 South Main St.
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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
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
3:00-3:45p.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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of the week....
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What is a Tabernacle?

The tabernacle is a liturgical furnishing used to house the Eucharist outside of Mass. This provides a location where the Eucharist can be kept for the adoration of the faithful and for later use (e.g., distribution to the sick). It also helps prevent the profanation of the Eucharist. Thus the law requires, "The tabernacle in which the Eucharist is regularly reserved is to be immovable, made of solid or opaque material, and locked so that the danger of profanation may be entirely avoided" (CIC 938 §3).

The word tabernacle means "dwelling place." Any place someone dwells is a tabernacle. The term is also sometimes used for a temporary dwelling place. Thus the tent-like sanctuary that the Jews used before the Temple was built was called the Tabernacle, because God dwelt there. Similarly, for the feast of Sukkot the Hebrews erected temporary shelters to live in for the festival, which is often called "the feast of tabernacles" or "the feast of booths" as a result.

The tabernacle in Church is so named because it is a place where Christ dwells in the Eucharist.

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Father John's Farewell Party



St. Katharine Drexel Parish will be hosting a Farewell Luncheon Party for Father John Granato on Sunday, March 6 at 2p.m. in the St. Jerome

Hall. Although there will be no charge for the event, we kindly ask that if you plan to attend, please RSVP to the parish office at 860-224-2411, so we may have a head count for the caterer. We will gladly accept baked goods for the dessert table.



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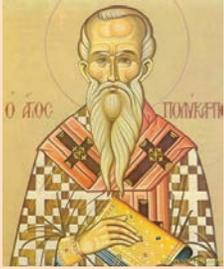
TUESDAY, Feb. 15, 22 / 6:30pm - 8:30pm

SUNDAY, Feb. 20, 27 / 9:00 - 1pm (closed during 10am Mass)

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Saint of the Week:

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr c. 69–c. 155



Polycarp was a disciple of John the Apostle and Evangelist. He became bishop of Smyrna (in present-day Turkey), one of the most important Christian leaders in all of Roman Asia during the first half of the second century. He defended the faith against the heresies of Marcionism (which rejected the inspired character of the Old Testament) and Gnosticism (denied the humanity of Christ and held to an understanding of revelation accessible only to an elite few). He also had a great influence over Irenaeus of Lyons through whom the faith was transmitted to much of western Europe.

Toward the end of his life, Polycarp journeyed to Rome at the invitation of Pope Anicetus in the hope of resolving a dispute over the date for the celebration of Easter. Polycarp urged Anicetus to adopt the common liturgical practice in Asia Minor of observing the feast, regarded as the Christian Passover, on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month of Nisan (the day of the Jewish Passover) regardless of the day of the week on which it fell. Until his time, it should be noted, Rome itself observed no special feast of Easter. The Roman church considered every Sunday a celebration of the Resurrection. Anicetus denied Polycarp's request that Rome conform to the practice in Asia Minor, insisting that he felt bound by his predecessors custom of celebrating the Resurrection every Sunday. The discussion remained friendly and the pope invited Polycarp to preside at the Eucharist.

Soon after Polycarp returned to Smyrna, a young boy was killed at a pagan festival. The crowds called for the death of all "atheists" and focused on the aged Polycarp in particular. He was found calmly waiting at a nearby farm. He invited his captors to have a meal while he prayed alone for an hour. At his subsequent interrogation he refused to deny Christ and readily acknowledged that he was a Christian. When the crowd at the amphitheater learned of his admission, they shouted for his death. He was held for a trial, the bound, and killed with a sword thrust to his neck; his body was burned at the stake in the town stadium.

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Picture from: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/february-23-saint-polycarp-bishop-and-martyr/>

AA Meetings

Wednesdays at 7p.m.
in the basement at St. Francis Church

Fridays at 7p.m. (Spanish speaking group)
in the school at St. Joseph

Saturdays at 7p.m.
in the hall at St. Jerome Church



February 12-13, 2022: \$12,125.76
***This amount includes the basket, mail in
and online donations.***

Mass Attendance for the weekend: 561

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11;
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18,
19-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12;
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8;
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16;
1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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



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.

To schedule a Mass, please call the parish office, located in the Parish Center at St. Jerome at 860-224-2411. The stipend for all Masses is \$20. *Please note we are arranging Masses in a 3 month rolling schedule meaning that beginning March 1, we will accept requests for the month of May. Beginning April 1, we will accept requests for the month of June. Checks should be made payable to **St. Francis Church** regardless of where the Mass is being held. Also, "requested by" will not be printed in the bulletin. Thank you.*

Masses For The Week



Saturday, February 19:

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

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

+ Carmen Elsie Arroyo

Sunday, February 20:

7:30 am: **St. John:** + Michael Mogielnicki

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

10:00 am: **St. Francis:** + Mary and Norman Roy

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Sr. Angela Ricciardi

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, February 21:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, February 22:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, February 23:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 24:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Pro populo

Friday, February 25:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 26:

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

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

+ Margaret and Alexander Tucciarone

Sunday, February 27:

7:30 am: **St. John:** Intention of the Celebrant

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** Special Intention

10:00 am: **St. Francis:**

+ Dominic and Theresa DeFrancesco

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Deacon Reginald Roy



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:

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- Snack Items such as:
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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.)



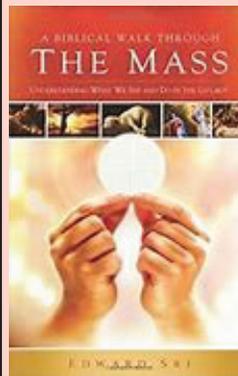
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Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Fernando Cruanes
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 and for their families and friends.

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.

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Knights of Columbus

The ***Into the Breach*** program for the Knights of Columbus will be held in the St. Francis Church hall on Monday evening, February 21st at 7p.m. All men are encouraged to attend to dive deeper in the faith with discussions led by members of the Knights of Columbus.

Welcome to our parishes! We are pleased to have you share in our celebration of the Eucharist. We invite you to 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 and we will send you a registration form. *You may also use this form for an address change.*

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