

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



*Der Gang nach Emmaus (The Road to Emmaus), Joseph von Führich, 1837, Public Domain*

**Third Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 2023**



**Pastor**  
Rev. Michael Casey

**Parochial Vicar**  
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

**Deacon**  
Alan Bielawski

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### **Prayer Line**

In need of Prayers? Please Call Mary M. at our Prayer Line between 2 and 4pm 860-225-3890

### **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**

8:00 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis  
6:00 pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

### **Confessions**

7:30-7:50 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis  
5:15pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis  
3:30-3:50 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

### **Adoration**

5pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

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

**April 16, 2023: \$11,768.52**

This amount includes the basket,  
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**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of April 16, 2023: 679**

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### **NCCW Meeting**

April 27 at 1:00pm

St. Jerome Church (1010 Slater Rd. )

After a brief business meeting we will have an  
Easter bonnet contest. The afternoon will  
conclude with light refreshments. Come with  
your Easter finery and bring a friend!

### **BINGO**

Sunday Afternoons

**St. Joseph School**

195 South Main St., New Britain

Doors open at 11:30am

Games begin at 2pm

## **Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 22**

**8am: St. Francis: +John F. Grady III**

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Ronald Ormsby**

**Sunday, April 23**

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

**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Francesco Teti**

**10:00 am: St. Francis: +David Symolon**

**11:30 am: St. Jerome: +William Mackiewicz**

**All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:**

**Monday, April 24**

**8:00 am: Pro Populo**

**6:00 pm: +Carlo & Giuseppina Carozzi**

**Tuesday, April 25**

**8:00 am: Fr. Gutierrez intention**

**6:00 pm: +Bob Pollard**

**Wednesday, April 26**

**8:00 am: +Tracey Hickey**

**6:00 pm: Special Intention**

**Thursday, April 27**

**8:00 am: Fr. Casey intention**

**6:00 pm: +Aurelio Culling Sr & Toribia Culling**

**Friday, April 28**

**8:00 am: Deceased members of the Boleslaw & Kragiel  
Families**

**6:00 pm: +Hedwig Hryniuk**

**Saturday, April 29**

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

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Kempton Morrell**

**Sunday, April 30**

**8:00 am: St. Francis: +Catherine Salka**

**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Theresa Glowhia**

**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Antonio Cobuzzi**

**11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Mildred Poppel**

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

## Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Mayor Stewart visits the St. Francis of Assisi Ladies Guild Meeting



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Wedding of Tom Maino & Gretchen Geisheker



Baptism of Sophia Collins

## Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Happy Birthday Father Gutierrez!



Happy Birthday Father Casey!

### Q&A

#### Confession Before Communion if I Missed Mass?

Yes, most likely, at least an honest attempt must be made, but let's clarify. The quick answer is that if you committed a mortal sin, then yes, you should go to confession prior to receiving Holy Communion if possible.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/q-confession-before-communion-if-i-missed-mass/>

#### St. Francis Young Mothers Group

The St. Francis Young Mothers Group is for faithful Catholic women in their 20's through early 40's, with children from the age of newborn through 6. Meetings are Wednesday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. After praying a decade of the rosary, moms and kids will enjoy good fellowship (and sometimes food)! For more information contact Rebecca Noon at [becca.dworak@gmail.com](mailto:becca.dworak@gmail.com)

## The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

The Bible Timeline study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. You will learn the major people, places and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. Through its 24 sessions, The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life. Sessions are offered on Mondays at 6:30 pm at St. Francis School Cafeteria.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone interested in using their knitting skills to make prayer shawls please contact Lisa at the parish office at (860) 224-2411. The shawls can be knitted as a group or completed independently.

### AA Meetings

**Wednesdays at 7pm**  
St. Francis Church basement  
**Fridays at 7pm**  
St. Joseph School  
(Spanish speaking group)  
**Saturdays at 7pm**  
St. Jerome Church Hall

### St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

\*Cereal  
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Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Instant Oatmeal  
\*Jelly  
\*Canned Soups  
\*Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetable  
Canned Meat/Tuna  
Instant Potato and Rice Mixes  
Ramen Noodles  
Mac and Cheese  
Snack Items: Cookies, Crackers, etc.

Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. Thank you for your generosity! In special need of starred(\*) items

### Parish Craft, Tag & Bake Sale

**Saturday, May 6** at  
St. Joseph School on Edson St.  
(behind St. Joseph Church).  
If you have treasures or crafts to sell, why not rent a table? Doors will open from 9:00 am -1:00 pm. Table rental is \$10 per 6 foot table. Reserve your table by calling Ellen at (860)936-4215. *We cannot accept donations of items at this time.*  
Please donate your best cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies and breads to sell at the bake sale. Call Elaine at (860)828-1616 to sign up to bake.  
All proceeds from table rentals and bake sale will benefit Council 31 Knights of Columbus' programs and activities.  
Looking forward to another successful parish activity!

### NBCCW Scholarship

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women is please to offer two \$1,000 scholarships to either 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic High School or high school seniors planning to attend college. The Council is only accepting digital applications by emailing: nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is May 5th.



**Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest, 1673 – 1716**  
**Patron Saint of preachers**

Throughout the centuries since the Reformation, Catholics have been accused of granting to Mary what is due only to God. This false accusation is more apparent than real. But its appearance sometimes even bothers Catholics. As a young man, the future Pope Saint John Paul II wondered whether he gave Mary to central a role in his devotions, prayer, and reading. But the writings of today’s saint, Louis de Montfort, helped the young Pole place Marian devotion in its wider theological context. Pope Saint John Paul II routinely gave thanks to Saint Louis de Montfort’s book, True Devotion to Mary, for

helping him develop a more mature Marian spirituality. The Pope even borrowed from de Montfort the Latin Totus Tuus as his papal motto. De Montfort had written to the Virgin, “I am all yours, and all that is mine belongs to you.”

When we honor Mary, Mary honors God along with us. Louis Grignion de Montfort was never not in love with God. He was one of eighteen children born to his parents. Eleven of them are saints—Louis and ten of his siblings who died as babies shortly after their baptisms. Even as a child, Louis was devoted to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. He studied under the Jesuits as a teen and then attended theology courses at St. Sulpice in Paris. He was ordained a priest at the age of twenty-seven. He at first wanted to become a missionary, like so many ardent French priests of his time. But a spiritual director advised against it, and Louis became a hospital chaplain, preached missions, and served as a confessor. Father Louis was interpersonally awkward and ardent to the point of making others uncomfortable, all of which confined his priestly ministry to non-traditional forums. He also lived in radical poverty, owning nothing, carrying no money, and even abandoning his family name, Grignion, to be known only by his town,

Montfort.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/april-28-saint-louis-grignon-de-montfort-priest/>



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