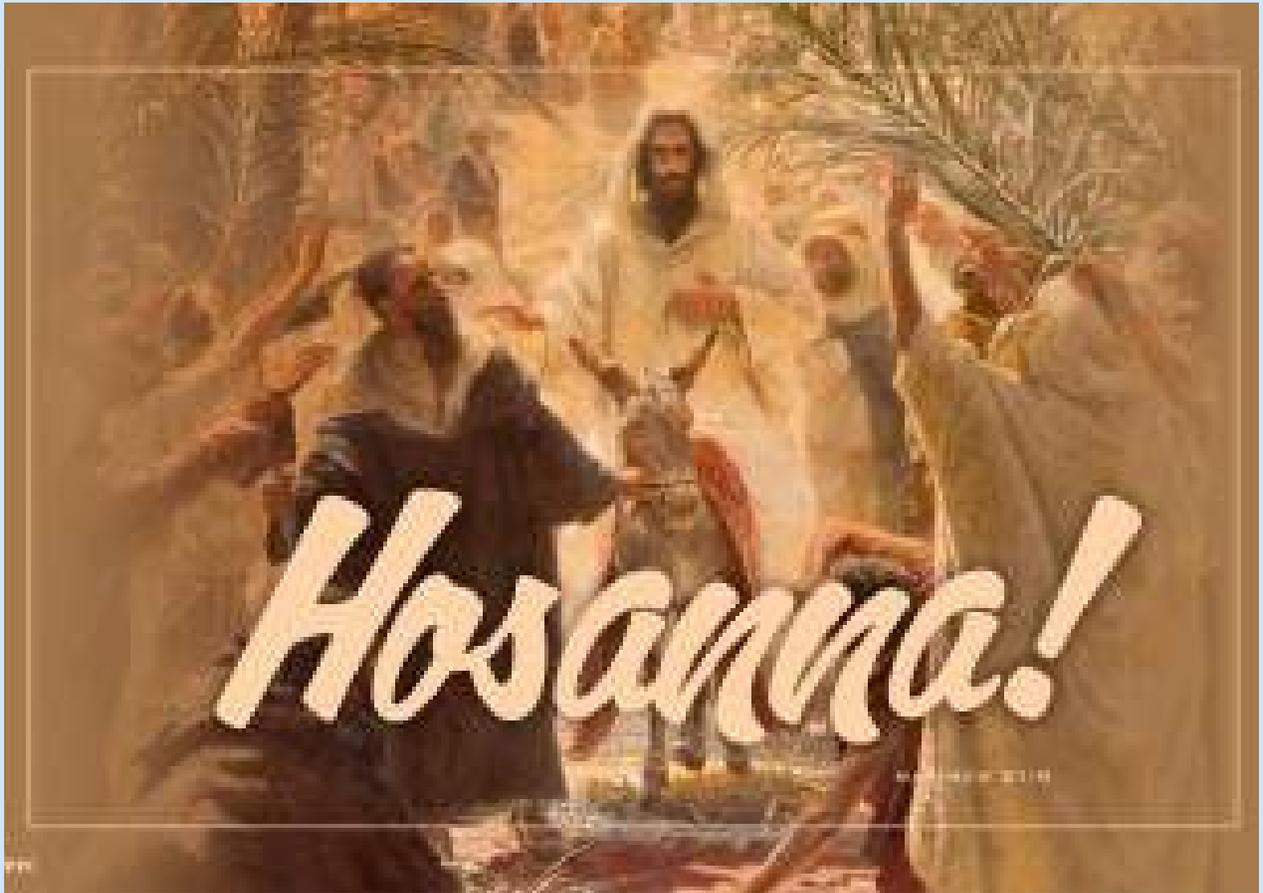


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Holy Apostles, St. Katharine Drexel  
Parishes**



Palm Sunday  
April 2, 2023



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### 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.

### Prayer Line

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March 26, 2023: \$ 13,540.97  
 This amount includes the basket,  
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**Catholic Relief Services Collections: \$2,254.76**

Mass Attendance for the weekend  
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## Paschal Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday: 7pm  
 Good Friday: 3pm  
 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 8pm

**St. Jerome Church**  
 1010 Slater Rd. New Britain CT 06053

**Holy Triduum Confessions at St. Francis Church**  
 Holy Thursday 12:00-1:00pm  
 Good Friday 12:00-1:00pm  
 Holy Saturday 12:00-1:00pm  
 \*\*These confessions will be the only time offered for  
 confession these three days.\*\*

### WHAT IS FASTING

One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal

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#### DAYS OF FAST

Ash Wednesday    Good Friday

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#### WHO ARE REQUIRED

Catholics aged 18 to 59

The sick are excused from fasting

### WHAT IS ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

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#### DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday    All Fridays of Lent    Good Friday

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#### WHO ARE REQUIRED

Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old

Sources: Code of Canon Law, Roman Missal, Pope Benedict XVI (General Audience, 9 March 2011)

**Saturday, April 1**  
**8am: St. Francis:** Sanctification of the Bishop and Priests of AOH  
**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** Intention of the Celebrant

**Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday**  
**8:00 am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**10:00 am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** Intention of the Celebrant

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

**Monday, April 3**  
**8:00 am:** Pro Populo  
**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

**Tuesday, April 4**  
**8:00 am:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

**Wednesday, April 5**  
**8:00 am:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

#### Triduum Services

All Services will be held at St. Jerome Church

**Holy Thursday, April 6**  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

**Good Friday, April 7**  
 Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 3:00 pm

**Holy Saturday, April 8**  
 Easter Vigil - 8pm

**Easter Sunday, April 9**  
**The Resurrection of the Lord**  
**8:00 am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**10:00 am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** Pro Populo

\*\*\* No Evening Mass April 11 and April 12  
 at St. Francis

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

## Photos of the Week



Baptism of Amelia Pleckaitis St. Joseph Church



Square Dancing in St. Francis Basement



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For further information and details about the themes of each retreat please check our website at [www.sacredheartontheLake.org](http://www.sacredheartontheLake.org)



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**What would be a reason for me to get into purgatory?**

**Q & A**

**The only way to enter into the full glory and splendor of the Beatific Vision, thus seeing God face-to-face and being in perfect communion with Him, is to be forgiven of every sin AND to be purified of every attachment to sin. This is a glorious invitation and a demanding endeavor! Purgation of all sin and all attachment to sin is not an option. Only when we are perfect in every way will we be ready to enter into what the saints have called "Divine Union" or "Mystical Marriage."**

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/q-what-would-be-a-reason-for-me-to-get-into-purgatory/>

Fr. Casey's Notes

## The Holy Triduum

This upcoming Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are the highpoint of the Church liturgical year with the celebration of the Paschal Triduum. During this time, the Church enters into a type of retreat, where we suspend most other normal liturgical actions. There are no funerals, weddings, or baptisms (outside of those which take place within the Easter Vigil). There are no normal daily Masses and our confession schedule will be different. These days are a time where all focus is upon the commemoration of the most solemn events in our history of salvation. Like last year, all of our Triduum services will be held at St. Jerome Church.

On Thursday night at 7:00 pm, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorating the Last Supper when Jesus laid down his life in the upper room and instituted both the Eucharist and the Priesthood. At this Mass, most notably, I will be washing the feet of members of our parish community as an embodiment of Jesus' mandate to minister as one who serves. The Mass will conclude with the procession into the church hall where the altar of repose will be set up. This altar is meant to remind us of the garden on the Mount of Olives where Jesus prayed before his Passion. We are each invited to stop and pray and keep our Lord company in the Garden. The altar of repose will remain open until 10:00 pm.

Good Friday is the day we remember the death of God for our salvation. It is a day of fasting and abstinence and should be marked by a more solemn tone. If you are able, take the day off from work and focus some time in prayer and silence as we remember all that Christ suffered for us. Our liturgy that day will be at 3:00 pm. It will consist of a time of silence, the singing of John's account of the Passion, intercessions for the Church and the world, veneration of the cross, and distribution of Holy Communion. This is a very beautiful liturgy which I strongly encourage everyone to attend.

Finally, on Holy Saturday night we will celebrate the Easter Vigil. This Mass is the first of the Masses of Easter, and contains such moving elements as the Lighting of the Easter Candle, the singing of the Exultet, the many readings which are choice snippets of the story of our salvation in Christ. The Easter Vigil is also the main baptismal liturgy of the year where adults around the world will be baptized and enter into the Church of Jesus Christ. While we don't have any adults being baptized in our parish this year, we should certainly pray for all those who are being reborn in other parishes. Our Easter Vigil will begin at 8:00 pm, after sundown, and will be a way of keeping watch for the Resurrection of Christ. It will be the beginning of our Easter celebrations which will continue with our normally scheduled Sunday Masses.

This Triduum, please join us if at all possible at these liturgies. This is a very graced time and should be something in which we each participate, whether in person or in prayerful remembrance. Know of my prayers during these most special days.

-Fr. Casey



## 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

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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.

### NBCCW Scholarship

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women is pleased 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](mailto:nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com). The deadline for submission is May 5th.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone interested in using their knitting skills to make prayer shawls please contact Lisa at the parish office. (860)224-2411

The shawls can be knitted as a group or completed independently.

### St. Francis Young Mothers Group

We are a group of faithful Catholic women in our 20s through early 40s, each with children from the age of newborn through 6. Meetings are Wednesdays from 9:30AM-11:30AM in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. We pray a decade of the rosary and moms and kids enjoy good fellowship (and sometimes food!). For more information, contact Rebecca Noon at [becca.dworak@gmail.com](mailto:becca.dworak@gmail.com)

### BINGO

Sunday Afternoons

### St. Joseph School

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Games begin at 2pm

6 ll [www.stfranciscatholic.org](http://www.stfranciscatholic.org)

### St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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Pasta Sauce

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\*Canned Fruit

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Canned Meat/Tuna

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Ramen Noodles

Mac and Cheese

Snack Items: Cookies, Crackers, etc.

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### 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

### 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!

### Meeting of the Ladies Guild -

### Combined Churches of St. Francis

The March Ladies Guild meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from

1:00 pm-3:00 pm at St. Francis School Cafeteria. The Honorable Erin E. Stewart,

Mayor of New Britain will speak on of the history of New Britain. Women of all parishes are welcome to join us. Bring a friend; light refreshments will be served.



## Holy Thursday 33 A.D.

From the moment Christ first uttered the words at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the Church has never ceased to be faithful to them: "Do this in memory of me." These words of a man about to die, if not a dying man, were a commandment more than a request, marching orders more than a mission statement. And everyone in that upper room understood exactly what He meant. No last will and testament of any man has ever been as faithfully fulfilled as these last words of Christ. What Christ asked to be done has been done, and continues to be done, every day, in every country, throughout the world, by every single priest who stands at an altar and recites the words of consecration in *persona Christi*. The world has never moved on from Christ and never will. He is not in the world's rear view mirror. He is here, He is present, He is alive. And in every tight corner of the globe, from a tidy Polish village to a rambling Phillipino city, from a Palestinian monastery hugging a sun-baked cliff to an Argentinian parish in a sprawling suburb, the Mass makes Him real because it is done in memory of Him. Literally every minute of every day, Mass is celebrated across the globe in a ceaseless offering to God the Father. "From the rising of the sun to its setting," in a thousand tongues, priests bend slightly over their chalices and the white linens covering their altars and carefully repeat a chain of words in a cadence known to all the faithful: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it... Take this all of you, and drink from it... This is my Body... This is my Blood." No words are more familiar. None! If we expect from the Church the sacraments, we will never be disappointed. If we receive from the Church more than the sacraments, we should rejoice. The Last Supper fulfills and completes the Jewish Passover sacrifice ordered by God of Moses and the Jews in Egypt. The Last Supper, at the same time, prefigures in an unbloody way the physical sacrifice Christ would make on the morrow on the hill of Calvary.

In the Last Supper, Christ also gives priests the perennial form for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Last Supper, then, is a composite act of Jewish and Christian ritual, of Old and New Testament theology, of historical and spiritual realities all packed into one dense liturgical act which the Church presents anew at every Mass. The Mass is the Christian work of art par excellence. It is the public act which never stops showing. It is the magnet which pulls mankind into thousands of churches every morning, noon, and night.

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