

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 7, 2024

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Welcome to our Parish



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Email Notification System

In the event of inclement weather, schedule changes or cancellations, this will be the primary way to notify our parishioners. To opt in, email your request with your full name and email address to: notification@stfranciscatholic.org. Please note: We do not send texts and cannot make phone calls.

Prayer Line

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

Mass Schedule

***NEW SCHEDULE IN EFFECT
AS OF SUNDAY APRIL 7TH***

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm at St. Jerome

Sunday

8:30 am at St. Maurice

10:30 am at St. Francis

Daily Mass

8:00 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis

Confessions

7:30-7:50 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis

5:15 pm-5:45 pm Monday - Friday at St. Francis

3:30-3:50 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

Adoration

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Monday - Friday at St. Francis

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

Our Parish Churches

St. Francis of Assisi Church

1755 Stanley St. New Britain, CT 06053

St. Jerome Church

1010 Slater Rd. New Britain, CT 06053

St. Joseph Church

195 South Main St. New Britain, CT 06051

St. Peter Church

98 Franklin Sq. New Britain, CT 06051

St. Maurice Church

100 Wightman Rd. New Britain, CT 06052

St. John the Evangelist Church

655 East St. New Britain, CT 06051

Count & Collection

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024: \$11,950.99

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of

March 24, 2024: 862

Easter

March 31, 2024: \$16,488.77

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of

March 31, 2024: 1,134

Bingo Bonanza

Sunday afternoon Bingo raised **\$8,000** for the parish in March 2024!

Finance Notes

As we continue our merger into one parish, any donations should be made to ***St. Francis of Assisi Parish.***

Thank you for your continued generosity.

In Loving Memory we pray for

Alisa Camarata

Juliet Camarata

David Camarata

Richard Valerio

Brent Casner

Rosemary Barresi

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6

8:00 am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop & priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, April 7

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Gino Ricciardi

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Sebastian, Josephine & Elizabeth Giarratana & John D. Masserio

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, April 8

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 am: +Donald Dalena

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 11

8:00 am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, April 12

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Daniel Field

Saturday, April 13

8:00 am: St. Francis: +George Francis Flaherty Jr.

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the Beupre & Heleniak Families

Sunday, April 14

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Steve, Mary, Dorothy, Stanley & Eleanor Gadzik

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Fr. Tom Bererich

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PLEASE NOTE: VENMO SHOULD BE USED FOR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH. MASS INTENTIONS MUST BE PAID CASH OR CHECK TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH





Palm Sunday





Congratulations to
the newest members
of our faith,
Olivia Breitbach,
Lauren Cedrone,
Jack Lacey,
Joshua Freeman &
Antonio Pensanti
who were received
into the Church
this Easter!



Choir Thank You!

THANK YOU to our talented choir members and our Music Director Elizabeth Famularo for your hard work and dedication these last few weeks in preparation for the Triduum Services and Easter Masses!



New Britain Council of Catholic Women

On **Friday April 26**, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the NBCCW will hold it's April meeting, at 1pm at St. Jerome's Church. Note that this is a Friday, rather than our usual meeting day of Thursday. We will celebrate this special day with a reflection by Deacon Alan and a culmination of the Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel. A fair-trade pop-up store with proceeds benefiting our Ukraine Charity Fund will follow our meeting.

Divine Mercy Fatima Holy Hour

In honor of Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be a Holy Hour this **Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 pm** at St. Francis with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, and a blessing with a 1st class relic of St. Faustina! There will also be another Holy Hour next weekend, **Sunday April 14 at 2:00 pm** at St. Francis.

Ladies Guild

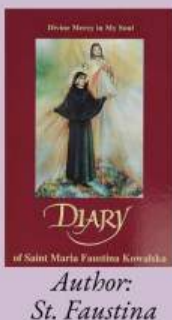
The next Ladies Guild Meeting is **Tuesday April 9th, 1:00 pm** at **St. Francis School Cafeteria**. There will be a presentation by Rex Cone, Director of the New Britain Senior Center, on the variety of offerings, clinics, activities and community services available to Seniors in our community.

Reason for Hope

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1Peter 3:15)

The Diary of St. Faustina

The Diary of St. Faustina chronicles God's message given through St. Faustina to the world to turn to His mercy. In it, we are reminded to trust in the Divine Mercy of Jesus and seek His forgiveness, and also that as Christ is merciful, so, too, are we instructed to be merciful to others. The message of Divine Mercy has become an integral part of our Catholic faith, including the celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter as Jesus had requested of St. Faustina. This is truly a book that inspires people to turn with trust to Jesus and guides the reader through an intimate journey of prayer and devotion that ultimately leads to God's mercy.



The Compelling Story of The First Christians

Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom is a compelling video series that traces how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem, and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today. *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ.

Sessions offered on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning on April 22nd 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.

Food Pantry Shopping List

Tuesdays at St. Joseph 9:30 am - 10:30

The item needed this week is:

- Canned Chicken
 - Cereal
 - Pasta/Pasta Sauce
 - Canned Soup
 - Instant Oatmeal
 - Canned Fruit & Vegetables
 - Peanut Butter & Jelly
 - Canned Meat/Tuna
 - Instant Potato and Rice Mixes
 - Ramen Noodles
 - Mac and Cheese
 - Snack Items:
 - Cookies, Crackers, etc.

*Monetary donations & gift cards are also appreciated.
Donations may be brought to any of our open churches.
Thank you for your support!*

St. Francis Young Mothers Group

Join other faithful Catholic women in their 20's through early 40's, with children from newborn through age 6 for a decade of the rosary, good fellowship (and sometimes food)! Meetings are Wednesday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. For more information contact Rebecca Noon at becca.dworak@gmail.com

BINGO

Sunday Afternoons at **St. Joseph School**
195 South Main St. New Britain
Doors open at 11:30am, Games begin at 2:00pm

AA Meetings

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

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