

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



Assumption of Mary, Palma il Vecchio 1514, Public Domain.

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 13, 2023



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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 and 4pm 860-225-3890.

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.
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

Mass Schedule

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

Confessions

7:30-7:50 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis
5pm-6pm Wednesday at St. Francis
3:30-3:50 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

Adoration

5pm-6pm Wednesday at St. Francis

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

Count & Collection

August 6, 2023: \$12,882.02

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of August 6, 2023: 703

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for

Sharon Dionne

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
let your light shine upon them.*



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Holy Day of Obligation

*The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary is Tuesday August 15th*

Monday August 14

6:00 pm Vigil St. Francis

Tuesday August 15

8:00 am St. Francis

12:00 pm St. Jerome

6:00 pm St. Francis

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Richard Lesniewski

Sunday, August 13

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Paul Albert

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Ut Nguyen & Dinh Ho

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Marek Roszkowski

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Evelyn Beauchene

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis*

***Please note the additional Mass times & locations for
the Holy Day on Tuesday***

Monday, August 14

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, August 15 *The Feast of the Assumption*

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

12:00 pm: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, August 16

8:00 am: +Rev. Merle Lavoie

Thursday, August 17

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, August 18

8:00 am: +Evelyn Chudzik

Saturday, August 19

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Carol Russell

Sunday, August 20

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Jackie Cocida

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Tracey and Jean Wieczorek

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Normand Dube

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Nell & Morris Noveck

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

More About Our Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ

The reconstructed Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ from St. Andrew Church is nearing completion at St. Jerome Church! Organ builder Alex Belair has likened the quality and caliber of this instrument to its musical counterpart in the St. Jerome music wing, the historic late-19th century Steinway grand piano.

A World War II era instrument, the Aeolian-Skinner organ is truly unique as one of the last instruments built by the company before such construction projects were outlawed for the war effort. In fact, some of the wooden pipes had to be repurposed from older instruments in order to complete the project. Like fine wine, wooden instruments season and improve with age, and some of the wooden pipes on this organ have markings dating back as far as 1882!

Aeolian-Skinner was a Boston-based company that built organs during much of the 20th century. Their organs were designed with a signature eclectic musical color palette. You can hear the distinctive sounds of strings, brass, and woodwinds all coming from the pipes. The live acoustical space of St. Jerome Church is a fitting home for such a luscious instrument. It is a great blessing that we were able to keep this truly special instrument not just within the Archdiocese--or even the city of New Britain--but the community of our parishes!



The Summer Session choir performs at St. Francis last weekend

Organ Update

This week wooden shades were installed in the pipe chambers. When functional, these shades will open and close to control the volume of the pipes behind them.



Special Music Event

Join us **this SUNDAY AUGUST 13th** for two special Music Events!

Last Mass of the Choir's Summer Session

11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jerome Church

Hear the choir sing one more time before their fall break!

Introduction to the Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ

12:30 p.m. at St. Jerome Church

Special Presentation by Elizabeth Famularo, Director of Music, describing the building process and mechanical operation of the reassembled St. Andrew organ.

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2023 THEME:
THE PRIESTHOOD: GOD'S GIFT & OUR RESPONSIBILITY

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Matthew Leonard
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Fr. Glenn Sudano, OFM
Fr. Larry Richards

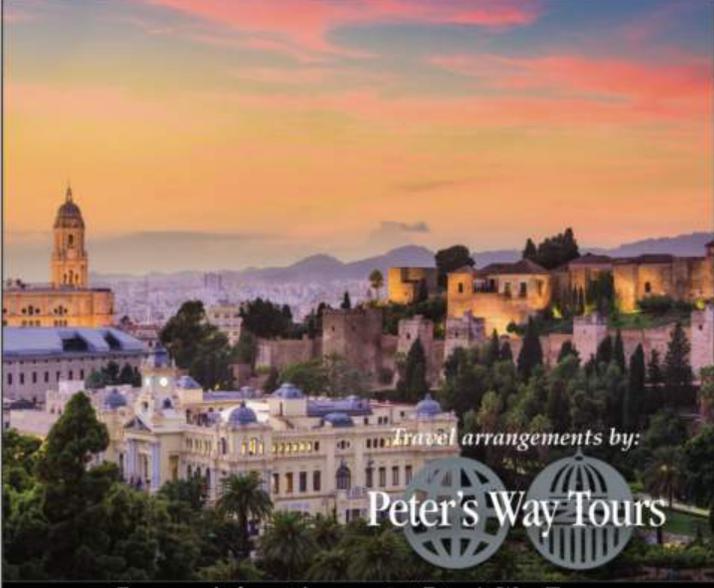
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April 8-17, 2024

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Youth Faith Formation
Registration for Fall Classes is Open

Meets Monday evenings at St. Francis School
First Grade through High School

Online Registration is Available
Scan the QR Code or find us at
www.stfranciscatholic.org and click Faith Formation

Contact Karyl Beloin, DRE, at
Karyl@stfranciscatholic.org for more information




Question of the Week Series: What is Faith Formation?

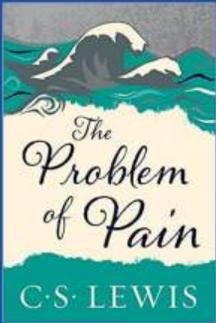
Part 1: What ongoing Faith Formation opportunities does our parish offer for those who are already Catholic?

Our parish offers faith formation for all ages and levels of experience. Grades 1&2 will meet Monday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm in the St. Francis School. Grades 3-12 will meet from 6:30-8:00 pm, also in the St. Francis School. Our college students have a variety of opportunities, with Theology classes and bible studies, some of which are also open to our recently graduated young professionals. For our adults, we offer our weekly Monday night Adult Faith formation program which meets Monday nights from 6:30-7:30pm.

Reason for Hope

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

The Problem of Pain*



In *The Problem of Pain*, renowned Christian author and thinker C.S. Lewis, examines a universally asked question within the human condition: "If God is good and all-powerful, why does he allow his creatures to suffer pain?" With a wealth of compassion and insight, C.S. Lewis offers answers to these crucial questions and shares his hope and wisdom to help heal a world hungering for a true understanding of human nature.

*Referenced in Fr. Casey's August 6th Homily
Author: C.S. Lewis Page Count: 176

Save the Date!

Family Fall Festival
Sunday October 1

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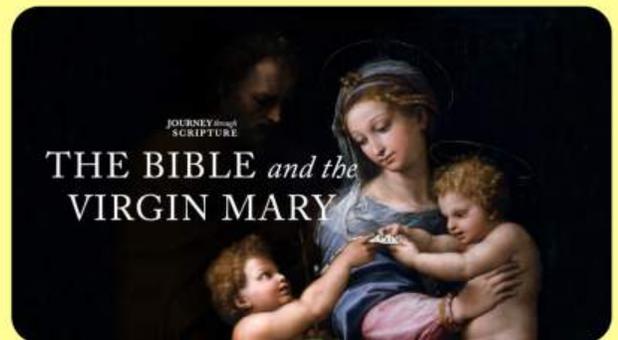
Email OCIA@stfranciscatholic.org for
more information or to sign up

New Adult Faith Formation Video Series The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Exactly who is the Blessed Virgin Mary? Can you explain her role in God's plan for the world? Do you fully understand the vital role she plays in your life? While Catholics know Mary is important, many never fully grasp how essential she really is - but now they can. The Bible and the Virgin Mary unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. In this video series, join author and speaker Matthew Leonard in this beautiful, awe-

inspiring journey in which the Mary of doctrine and devotion comes alive in a powerful, new way. All in all, you will experience Mary as you've never experienced her before! Twelve visually stunning lessons convey the beauty of the doctrine and devotions surrounding Mary, bringing them to life in a powerful, new way.

Sessions start Monday August 14, 6:30 PM at St. Francis School Cafeteria.



St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

*Cereal

Nut Butter

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Instant Oatmeal

*Jelly

*Canned Soups

*Canned Fruit/Vegetable

Canned Meat/Tuna

Instant Potato and Rice Mixes

Ramen Noodles

Mac and Cheese

Snack Items:

Cookies, Crackers, etc.

Monetary donations & gift cards are also accepted.

Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. In special need of starred(*) items

St. Francis Young Mothers Group

Join other faithful Catholic women in their 20's through early 40's, with children from the age of newborn through 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

AA Meetings

Wednesdays at 7pm

St. Francis Church basement

Fridays at 7pm

St. Joseph School

(Spanish speaking group)

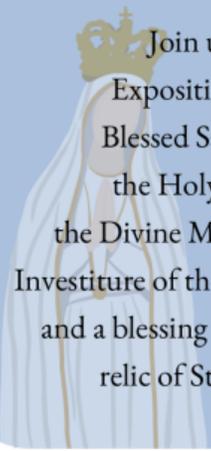
Saturdays at 7pm

St. Jerome Church Hall

Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour

Sunday August 13

2:00 pm at St. Francis Church



Join us for:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
the Holy Rosary,
the Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Investiture of the Brown Scapular
and a blessing with a 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

BINGO

Sunday Afternoons at

St. Joseph School

195 South Main St.,

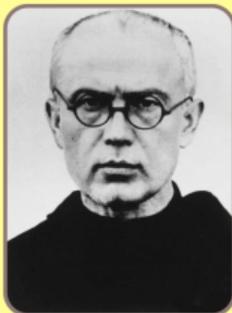
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Doors open at 11:30am,

Games begin at 2pm

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, 1894 – 1941

Patron Saint of prisoners, drug addicts, journalists, and the pro-life movement



When Maximilian, baptized Raimund, was twelve, the Virgin Mary appeared to him holding a white crown for a life of purity, and one red for martyrdom. The young Maximilian responded: "I choose both." He entered a Franciscan seminary and was ordained a priest in 1918. For the next twenty years,

Father Maximilian worked tirelessly: he taught in a seminary, started a publishing house printing devotional materials to Our Lady, he founded a new Franciscan monastery, and in 1930 he became a missionary to Asia. He founded a monastery near Nagasaki and started a publishing house in India. In 1936 he returned to Poland due to illness, yet managed to get a radio license and began broadcasting his

own monastery radio station. After the Germans invaded Poland in September 1939, Kolbe's apostolates were curtailed. He organized a hospital at the monastery, gave shelter to refugees, including about 2,000 Jews. He was arrested by the Germans in 1939 and held for almost three months. In February 1941, German SS men came and shuttered his monastery. In May, Kolbe was transferred to Auschwitz for the last act of his life. As prisoner #16670 he continued to minister to the people all around him with peace and hope. In July, after a man escaped from the barracks, ten men were selected to die by starvation as punishment and as a deterrent to others who thought of escaping. Among the selected was Franciszek Gajowniczek, who cried out, "My poor wife, my poor children!" Father Kolbe's heart was moved to compassion and he requested permission to take Franciszek's place. Permission was granted. He survived for two weeks before the impatient guards, needing the bunker for other purposes, administered a lethal injection. Father Kolbe willingly offered his arm, showing no fear of death. Soon after word of his martyrdom of charity spread throughout Auschwitz and inspired many with faith and hope.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/august-14--saint-maximilian-mary-kolbe-priest-and-martyr/>

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