

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



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Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023



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Prayer Line

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm at St. Jerome

Sunday

8:00 am at St. Francis

9:00 am at St. Joseph

10:00 am at St. Francis

11:30 am at St. Jerome

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. Maurice Churches are no longer used for regular Masses.

Count & Collection

August 20, 2023: \$12,368.30

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of August 20, 2023: 670

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for all the recently deceased

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



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Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Adoration & Confession

Beginning August 28th, we will return
to daily (Monday - Friday) adoration
5:00 - 6:00 pm and confession during
adoration from 5:15 - 5:45 pm
at St. Francis.

*At this time we are unable to bring back
the 6:00 pm daily mass. We hope to offer
it during the Advent and Lenten seasons.*

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 26

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Wladyslaw Radzillowicz

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Stanislaw & Marta Kurzyna

Sunday, August 27

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Juliet & David Camarata

9:00 am: St. Joseph: Deceased Members of the Occhipinti
Family

10:00 am: St. Francis: +David Lazicki

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Guiseppe & Gino Ricciardi

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, August 28

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, August 29

8:00 am: +Lucia & Francesco Carlozzi

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 am: Special Intention

Thursday, August 31

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, September 1

8:00 am: +Ken Laker

Saturday, September 2

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Eleanor Salvio

Sunday, September 3

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Paul Albert & Deceased Members of
the Albert Family

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Carmen Velazquez-Jusino & the
Deceased Members of the Velazquez-DeLeon Family

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

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Lisa Ann Chotkowski

**To Schedule a Mass Intention, please call the
Parish office at 860-224-2411**

Welcome Back FOCUS Missionaries!

As summer winds down and the new school year approaches, our FOCUS missionaries are likewise returning to their mission work at our parish and CCSU. In addition to Maddie and Karolina, who both served our community last year, we welcome three new members to our team! Read below to meet Joe, Brianna and Simon.



What is FOCUS?

The mission at FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) is simple: Make disciples for Christ. It begins by inviting people into a relationship with Jesus in the Catholic Church. Then, offering accompaniment with them along their journey. Finally, equipping them to share the Faith with others too. FOCUS serves college campuses and parish communities across the United States and around the world.

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Pictured: the five current missionaries serving our community.
Back Row: Karolina Minkiewicz, Joe Allen, Brianna Dooley
Front Row: Simon Rees, Maddie Smith

Hello! My name is Joe Allen. I am a second-year missionary from Nebraska. I studied at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and love to cheer on the Huskers on Saturdays. I am excited to meet all of you and to get to know the great state of Connecticut!




Hi everyone! My name is Brianna Dooley, I am a second-year missionary from Simsbury, CT. I served my first year on mission at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. I just got married on July 1st to my husband Patrick, and I graduated from UConn in 2022 with a Masters in Elementary Education. I love checking out cute coffee shops, thrifting, reading historical fiction, and watching movies. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

Hey! My name is Simon Rees, I am a first-year missionary from Rhode Island. I graduated from WPI with a Bachelor's degree in physics and a Massachusetts teaching licensure. I love playing sports, spending time outside, going on wild adventures, and making music videos. I can't wait to meet you!



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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 3: Is Faith Formation just about classes?

No! Faith Formation is all of the elements which contribute to building someone up in their relationship with Jesus Christ and knowledge of Church teaching. Sunday Mass is the primary means of Faith Formation where we hear God's Word, have it broken open for us, and then worship and even receive the Word made flesh. Additional Faith Formation for children takes place primarily in the home, where parents teach their children the truths of the faith. The parish programs primarily are aimed at assisting these most fundamental building blocks and unfortunately without them, experience has shown, even the best programs have little impact.

Reason for Hope

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

Making Missionary Disciples



CURTIS MARTIN
Founder of FOCUS

Making Missionary Disciples

In *Making Missionary Disciples*, Curtis Martin, founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), explores how to build a vibrant culture of faithfulness and fruitfulness. He offers practical ways to share the love and truth of Jesus Christ in the ordinary experiences of our daily lives.

"I dream of a 'missionary option'... a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything..."

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

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Family Fall Festival

Enjoy the beauty of fall as a parish family in a pumpkin spiced paradise

Sunday October 1, 2023
St. Jerome Campus
After the 11:30 am Mass
Food Served 12:30 - 2:00 pm

*Details
Coming Soon!*

VENMO US!

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Organ Update

Organ construction is basically completed! The organ is now fully functional and all of the facade pipes are in place. With the completion of the electrical work, the console now includes a pedal light and an on/off switch that controls both the console and the blower. There are still a small number of cosmetic details to be completed, but for all intents and purposes the organ reconstruction is complete! Thank you for your patience during this tremendous undertaking.

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 of twelve visually stunning lessons, 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. **Sessions ongoing on Mondays, 6:30 PM at St. Francis School Cafeteria.**



Seminarian Brendan Finnegan, who served in our parishes over the summer of 2022, had the honor of meeting Pope Francis recently.

Praying for our Priests

Think about the greatness of the Holy Priesthood in our Church, about their power to consecrate simple bread into the Body, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the tremendous responsibility of the priests with regard to the eternal destiny of the immortal souls which are entrusted to their care. Please support our priests in their responsibility through your daily prayers. Please take one of the “Apostolate of Prayer for Priests” calendar located near the bulletins.

This calendar designates a specific day to remember particular priests from the Archdioceses of Hartford.

BINGO

Sunday Afternoons at

St. Joseph School

195 South Main St., New Britain

Doors open at 11:30am,

Games begin at 2pm

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. 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

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30

*Cereal, Nut Butter, *Jelly, Pasta/Sauce, Instant Oatmeal, *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

Saint Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 354–430

Patron Saint of brewers, printers, and theologians



The oldest of 3 children, Augustine was born in present-day Algeria. As Augustine excelled in his studies, he was to be sent to the city of Carthage for further education once a sponsor could be found to pay for it. During the months wait, Augustine's idleness led him to mischief, and once he arrived in Carthage he was ripe for a life of sin. When Augustine completed his studies around the age of nineteen, he returned home with his girlfriend and son and began teaching grammar at a local school. When he told his mother he was considering becoming a Manichean, she threw him out of her house but later reconciled with him due to divine inspiration she received. Still searching for the truth, Augustine met the future saint, Bishop Ambrose of Milan. He paid attention to Augustine, listening, offering friendship, and answering his questions. One day while in a garden, Augustine heard a child's voice say, "Take and read." Though he didn't know where the voice came from, he picked up the Bible next to him and randomly opened to Romans 13 which read, "...let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh." This passage affected him so deeply that he began his conversion in haste.

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