

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



19th Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 7, 2022



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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

(May 30-August 12)

8:00 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis

Confessions

(May 30-August 12)

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

5:00-6:00 pm Wednesday at St. Francis

3:00-3:45 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

Adoration

(May 30-August 12)

5:00-6:00 pm Wednesday at St. Francis

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

Prayer Line

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

Q&A

Is it OK to Offer Mary Statue Flowers at Wedding?

Honoring the Blessed Mother and asking for her intercession is a respected nuptial tradition in the Church. It typically involves the newly married couple praying together before an image of the Blessed Mother. In doing so, they can present the image with flowers as well, typically placing them at an altar named in her honor, which therefore would include a statue or image of Mary.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/ok-to-offer-mary-statue-flowers-at-wedding>

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for

Mingle at St. Peter's

Tuesdays || 5pm-6pm for dinner

Fridays || 7am-9am for breakfast

If interested please contact the parish office.

July 31, 2022: \$10,595.50

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend
of July 31, 2022: 626**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

BINGO

Monday Evenings

St. Jerome Church Hall

1010 Slater Rd., New Britain

Doors open at 5pm || Games begin at 6:30pm

Sunday Afternoons

St. John the Evangelist

655 East St., New Britain

Doors open at 12:30pm || Games begin at 2pm

There will be NO BINGO

Monday 8/8 at St. Jerome



Saturday, August 6:

8:00 am: St Francis: Special Intention

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Dorothy Dube

Sunday, August 7:

8:00 am: St Francis: +Stanley Budnik

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Marie Parker

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Mark Cauffman

11:30am: St. Jerome: +Richard Simpson

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, August 8:

8:00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday, August 9:

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, August 10:

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Thursday, August 11:

8:00 am: Special Intention

Friday, August 12:

8:00 am: +Therese Lizotte

Saturday, August 13:

8:00 am: St Francis: +Mona and Brian Douglass

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Special Intention

Sunday, August 14:

8:00 am: St Francis: +Claire Bielawski

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Mario John Caggiano

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Robert Bruzas

11:30am: St. Jerome: +Nary and Bill Joy, Helvi and John Healy

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

Health Fair

The Human Resources Agency (HRA) of New Britain presents our first Community Health Fair

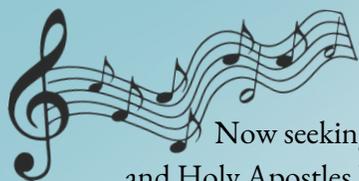
**St. Joseph Church Parking Lot
New Britain, CT
Tuesday August 16, 2022
11am-2pm**

Health is a human right! That's why we're bringing together a variety of healthcare resources in your community to share what is available to you. COVID Vaccine and boosters available FOR FREE. Ages 6 months || Boosters Available for those eligible.

**The Parish Office will be
closed Wednesday 8/10
for a Staff Retreat**

Evening Mass will resume on
Monday, August 15
at St. Francis Church

Adoration 5pm-5:50pm
Confession 5:15pm-5:45pm
Mass 6pm



COMING SOON:

A New Unified Choir!

Now seeking members of St. Francis, Divine Providence, St. Katherine Drexel, and Holy Apostles Parishes to become founding members of an exciting new Music Ministry!

The Choir will sing at one mass per weekend on a rotating schedule, having an equal home at St. Jerome, St. Joseph, and St. Francis Churches

Rehearsals will take place on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., location TBD

All are welcome, no experience necessary!

If you are interested in joining, please fill out the following form and return it to us, or email your answers to Elizabeth Famularo, Music Director, at elizabeth@stfranciscatholic.org

I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR!

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Please describe any prior choral or musical experience if any (none necessary!):

What voice part do you like to sing (if you know)? Circle any that apply:

Soprano 1/descants Soprano 2/melody Alto Tenor Bass

Any other thoughts or questions you have:

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a joy to be a part of your four parishes this summer. I was welcomed with open arms by many of you with whom I have had the chance to speak and pray with. These encounters have given me great confidence that the Holy Spirit is moving the hearts of many people here in our local church in this time of transition, in a manner that will strengthen the practice of our faith in New Britain for years to come.

Some of the highlights of my summer was assisting with our first Corpus Christi procession, teaching about Pope Francis' latest encyclical Fratelli Tutti, and leading the Liturgy of the Hours each day after daily Mass. These are just of the few of the myriad of activities that I was able to participate in. The volume of parish-wide activities and liturgies shows the vibrancy of parish life here in New Britain better than any other statistic can do.

As I return to my studies at the Saint Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, I ask each of you to pray for me that I will grow to be more like Christ, the High Priest. The intentions of Divine Providence, Holy Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Katherine Drexel parishes will remain in my prayers.

Blessings,
Brendan Finnegan

Photo of the Week



Seminarian
Brendan Finnegan
gave a talk to
Crossroads 4 Christ
on summer
spiritual reading.

Blessed Michael McGivney

Priest and Founder of Knights of Columbus

Feast Day is August 13

1852 – 1890



Michael Joseph McGivney was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, on August 12, 1852, the first child of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney. His parents came to the United States in the great 19th-century wave of Irish immigration and were married in Waterbury. Young Michael thus experienced from an early age grief, anti-Catholic bigotry and poverty. But his faith sustained him. At home and in church, he learned and embraced love, faith, fortitude, prayer and putting love of God above any earthly rewards.

Father Michael J. McGivney was ordained on December 22, 1877, and assigned to St. Mary Church. It was here in 1882 he founded the Knights of Columbus with the intention that this group would strengthen the faith of the men of the parish and care for the widows of members. Today, the Knights is the largest Catholic fraternal benefit society in the World. Father McGivney spent seven years at St. Mary's, being assigned pastor of St. Thomas in Thomaston in 1884, where he died in 1890 at the age of 38. In 1982, his remains were reinterred at St. Mary Church. In 1997 Archbishop Daniel Cronin opened the cause for Father McGivney; in April 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared him Venerable. On May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree for a miracle attributed to his intercession, opening the way for Father McGivney to be beatified on October 31, 2020. A second approved miracle is needed for him to be canonized as a saint of the Catholic Church.

Credit: <https://www.stmarysnewhaven.org/bl-fr-michael-mcgivney>

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends For healing after abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend

**October 21 - 23, 2022
in Farmington, CT**

The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance.

For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



The Creed

In The Creed, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology, and liturgy.

Explore the meaning of "belief" and whether it contradicts reason; the creative love of God the Father; the shocking mystery of his Son's Incarnation and the great drama of his Crucifixion and Resurrection; the life-giving power of the Spiritus Sanctus, or "Holy Breath," shared between them; and the mystical reality of the Church, which calls all of humanity out of the world of sin to receive forgiveness and participate in Christ's divinity—not only in the next world but here and now.

The Creed will help you rediscover the great intellectual and spiritual depths of Christian doctrine and reclaim the unity, clarity, and conviction of the Christian faith. Please come and join us for the Next Mondays (August 1st -Sept. 5th) at 6:15 PM at St. Francis School to explore our faith and traditions.

Membership Meeting

The first meeting of the New Britain Council of Catholic Women will take place on Thursday, August 25 th at 1:00 PM in St. Jerome Church Hall

All members are welcome to attend, as well as women interested in becoming part of this council. Refreshments will be served following the business meeting. For further information you may email the council at nbcouncilcatholicwomen@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

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

- *Cereal
 - *Peanut Butter
 - *Pasta
 - *Pasta Sauce
 - *Instant Oatmeal
 - Jelly
 - Canned soups
 - Canned Fruit
 - Canned Meat/Tuna
 - Instant Potato and Rice Mixes
 - Raman Noodles
 - Mac and Cheese
- Snack Items: cookies, Crackers, etc.

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