

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



Corpus Christi  
June 19, 2022

**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.

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**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.



**Pastor**  
Rev. Michael Casey

**Parochial Vicar**  
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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Alan Bielawski  
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**Office Hours**  
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Please join our email notification system which alerts parishioners to changes or cancellations in scheduling due to inclement weather or other unforeseen events. This will be the primary way to communicate to our parishioners. **To opt in, email your request with your full name and email address to: [notification@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:notification@stfranciscatholic.org)** Please note: We do not send texts and cannot make phone calls.

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### Saint Josemaría Escrivá, Priest

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1902–1975

Josemaria Escriva was born in a small town in rural Spain. He attended diocesan seminaries in the nearby city of Zaragoza and was ordained a priest in 1925. In 1928 he experienced a vision which spurred him to found Opus Dei, an institution that quickly spread to all the major Christian countries. Opus Dei consists primarily of married lay men and women, while some members are unmarried and consecrated celibates. A few members are priests.

In a homily from 1967, Josemaria states his spirituality in clear terms: "...God is calling you to serve Him 'in and from' the ordinary, material, and secular activities of human life..."

In other words, there is no need for a serious lay Catholic to abandon his work and routine, his family life, or his everyday relationships to fulfill God's will. God is found in and through ordinary life. Cardinal Albino Luciani, later Pope John Paul I, perceptively noted that Saint Josemaria was not teaching a 'spirituality for lay people,' as Francis de Sales taught, but a 'lay spirituality.' It is not a question of praying the rosary while sweeping the floor, or contemplating scripture while driving. It is about "materializing" holiness by converting ordinary, well-done work into a sacrifice and prayer to God. Ordinary work, then, is not just the context, but the raw material, for lay holiness. All jobs are important. Daily life is not a distraction from God's will for us.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/june-26---josemara-escriv-priest---optional-memorial/>



### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

We are seeking to grow our hospitality ministry in each of our four churches. Hospitality ministers help welcome people to Mass, assist with any needs during Mass, greet people as they leave, help ensure the church is ready for the next Mass, and also help with social events after Mass. If you would be interested in helping us in this way, please contact the parish office.

### Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Join us on the first Saturday of the month to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We begin before the Saturday morning Mass at 7:15am. The Mass intention is for the Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. All are welcome.



### Prayer Line

In need of Prayers?

Please call our "Spirit of Love" Prayer Line  
Mary M. at 860-225-3890  
(Call between 2-4p.m.)



**June 12, 2022: \$15,873.14**

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend of June 12: 655**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

## Free Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic

### Location:

St. Joseph Church  
195 South Main St.,  
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### Date:

**June 14 & June 28**

9am-12pm

**July 5 & July 19**

9am-12pm

Open Clinic -No appointments required:  
Ages 5+ |Booster available for those eligible.  
Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson vaccines available. 15-minute observation required.  
Bring your information.

## Summer Schedule

(May 30-August 12)

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## Photo of the Week



We are looking forward to welcoming our new focus team: Nick, Maddie, Karolina, Lydia, and Nathan. Please pray for them as they continue their preparation for the 2022/2023 school year.



## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13;  
Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab,  
3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36,  
37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15;  
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Friday:** Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5b-11;  
Lk 15:3-7

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7,  
20-21; Lk 2:41-51

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Gal 5:1,  
13-18; Lk 9:51-62



Our parishes are the support for the Food Pantry at St. Joseph's. It's open every Tuesday morning from 9:30am-10:30am. We are currently in need of the following non-perishable food items (in special need of items with \* in front of them):

**\* Cereal**

- Instant Oatmeal

**\* Peanut Butter**

- Jelly  
 Canned Soup and Canned Fruit

**\* Pasta**

- Canned Meats and Tuna  
 Instant Potato and Rice Mixes  
 Raman Noodles and Soups

**\* Pasta Sauce**

- Mac and Cheese  
 Snack Items: Cookies, Crackers, etc.

Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. Thank you for your generosity.



### Saturday, June 18:

**8:00 am: St Francis:** +Mario John Caggiano  
**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Carlo Carlozzi, sr.

### Sunday, June 19:

**8:00 am: St Francis:** +Zofia Szewczyk  
**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Michael Kron  
**11:00 am: St. Joseph:** Intention of the Celebrant

### All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

#### Monday, June 20:

8:00 am: +Sr. Angela Riccardi

#### Tuesday, June 21:

8:00 am: +Therese Lizotte

#### Wednesday, June 22:

8:00 am: +Mario John Caggiano

#### Thursday, June 23:

8:00 am: Pro Populo

#### Friday, June 24:

8:00 am: Sacro Cuore

#### Saturday, June 25:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** Special Intention  
4pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** +Dottie Dube

#### Sunday, June 26:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** +Lillian Laccombe  
9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** Special Intention  
10:00 am: **St. Francis:** Special Intention  
11:30am: **St. Jerome:** +Marie and William Sanders

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

## Announcement from Fr. Casey

A group of 22 parishioners of Divine Providence Parish, primarily but not exclusively representing St. Peter Church, have filed an appeal against our parish merger. After meeting with representatives of this group and trying to explain to them the harm this will cause to our joint communities and the spreading of the Gospel in our city, they refused to withdraw their appeal. The Archbishop will reject it, however every indication shows that they intend to take this all the way to the Vatican. While we are confident in the outcome, unfortunately this means that the entire process will be delayed for another 6 months to a year.

This is terrible news. Not only is the good work we've done to bring our communities together being stalled, but the ministries such as the food pantry, mingle for the homeless, and nursing home outreach may be adversely effected by delaying the corporate merger. Many volunteers, particularly our money counters who have worked so hard counting and depositing FOUR different parish corporation collections have been putting in an heroic effort, which now must be prolonged. The financial status of Holy Apostles parish is grave and without the support of the other parishes their likely bankruptcy is not that far off. Even if the appeal were to succeed there is not a full time priest to send to Divine Providence, and the end result would be a drastic reduction in pastor care. Additionally, Fr. Gutierrez and I feel personally rejected as we have worked hard to care for our communities and the appellers would like us to be replaced, even by a deacon or lay administrator at Divine Providence if necessary to remain independent.

Rather than the administrative burden being significantly lessened in July in order that more effort could be given to ministry, the burden will now, in fact, increase. I personally am saddened by this and cannot wait until this whole process is concluded. To all who have worked so hard toward this goal, I am very sorry and again ask for your generosity in the face of these prolonged and increased obstacles. We will continue to move forward. We are already working to implement a joint religious education program and our joint music ministry. While there may be added difficulties, we can hear in today's second reading that "we can rejoice in our afflictions, which produce endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint." We will continue to be a people of hope and joy in our four parishes until and after they become one. As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have and know of my personal gratitude for your support.

### AA Meetings

#### Wednesdays at 7pm:

basement at St. Francis Church

**Fridays at 7pm:** School at St. Joseph  
(Spanish speaking group)

**Saturdays at 7pm:** hall at St. Jerome Church

### BINGO!

Monday Evenings

#### St. Jerome Church Hall

1010 Slater Rd., New Britain

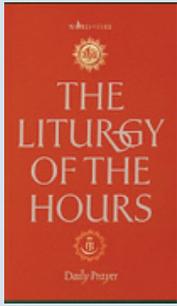
Doors open at 5pm Games begin at 6:30pm

Sunday Afternoons

#### St. John the Evangelist

655 East St., New Britain

Doors open at 12:30pm Games begin at 2:00pm



## The Liturgy of the Hours

The Liturgy of the Hours is an ancient, structured way of praying Scripture throughout the day, focusing especially on the Psalms. It harkens back to the Jewish custom of praying at fixed hours, a practice early Christians continued. By the medieval period, monks chanted the entire Psalter, all 150 Psalms, through each week, and sometimes in a single day!

It's purpose is to sanctify the day and the whole range of human activity. It does this by bathing the morning, afternoon and evening in prayer, so that "The whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God". Beginning in June join us at 8:30am (after morning Mass) for Morning Prayer. Many voices, one Church, One Prayer.

## Altar Server Opportunity

Seminarian Brendan Finnegan will be leading an altar server training at 6:30PM on Monday, July 11th at St. Francis of Assisi Church. This training is for both new and returning altar servers from each of our four parishes. The only requirement to be an altar server is to have received your first Holy Communion. Please call the parish office to RSVP for this event.



### May I Use a Normal Bottle for Holy Water?

Sure you may, but just make sure it is clean. There is no rule for storing holy water at home except that it be used reverently. Often a nice bottle or container is more beautiful than a cheap plastic bottle stamped with the words "Holy Water." Such things may be useful, but they are not required.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/may-i-use-a-normal-bottle-for-holy-water>



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