

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



Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 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

December 3, 2023: \$13,144.12

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of
December 3, 2023: 696

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for

Tarik Kakozi

Annette Sirois

Rita Paige

Mildred Regalis

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



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Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend December 9/10th our parish will
take up a special collection to support the
Retirement Fund for Religious. This will help
thousands of elderly religious individuals retire
with dignity. Your donation provides essential
care, medicine and other necessities for nearly
25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious
order priests who have served for decades.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Tom Trainer

Sunday, December 10

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Helen T. Dougherty

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Joseph Liudzius

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +William Mackiewicz

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, December 11

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 am: +Frank & Minnie Quigley

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 am: +Kamil Filipowicz

Thursday, December 14

8:00 am: +Karol Bandzi

Friday, December 15

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Kamil Filipowicz

Saturday, December 16

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: + Wanda Czyrko

Sunday, December 17

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Juozas & Albina Leiberis

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Paolo Fiscaro

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Gilman, June, Wilfred, & Ervin
Voisine

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Saul Berrios

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Last Saturday the parish hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to thank our many volunteers for their dedication and hard work to support the parish throughout the year



Last week Sr. Igne Marijosius, of the Lithuanian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam, CT retrieved the historic Vanagas-Ramanauskas plaque at St. Andrews Church.

Sr. Igne shared with Fr. Casey that during World War II, she and her family came to America as refugees, and lived at St. Andrew's Church where her father was the organist on the Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ and she would sometimes fill in for him. We were thrilled to tell her that organ has been restored and she stopped by St. Jerome to see it!



Post-Cana gathering for couples who have been married 0-5 years

Choir News



The Choir is back! The group had their first rehearsal on Thursday November 30th, preparing music for the Mass with the new Archbishop on Saturday December 2nd. We also welcome back our Music Director, Elizabeth Famularo, from her maternity leave!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM ST. JEROME

10:00 PM ST. JEROME

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM ST. JOSEPH

11:00 AM ST. FRANCIS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Due to Christmas falling on a Monday this year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve both occur on Sunday December 24th. This means you will have to go to Mass twice in a row:

For the Fourth Sunday of Advent: either Saturday night (Dec. 23) or Sunday morning (Dec. 24)
There is no change to our standard weekend Mass schedule

For Christmas: either Sunday night (Dec. 24) or Monday Morning (Dec. 25)

Ladies Guild Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Francis Ladies Guild will be the Potluck Christmas Party, **Tuesday December 12**, from 1:00-3:00 pm in the cafeteria at St. Francis School. Please contact Lisa at the parish office (860-224-2411) to let her know what you will bring. Gifts will be collected for the ABC Women's Center. Please bring an unwrapped gift for babies age birth-2 as well as a gift bag and tissue paper. All women of the parish are welcome to attend this festive event!

Save the Date!

Help prepare our churches for Christmas!
We need volunteers to help set up Nativity Scenes:

Tuesday December 19
1:00-3:00 pm at St. Maurice

Friday December 22
9:00 am at St. Francis, St. Joseph & St. Jerome

O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

An introduction to the Catholic Faith and Sacrament preparation for adults

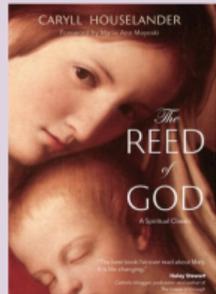
Every other Saturday from 8:45-10:15 am

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

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)

Reed of God



First published in 1944, *The Reed of God* contains meditations on the humanity of Our Lady. The author lovingly explores Mary's humanity, depicting Our Lady as a musical instrument who makes divine love known to the world, offering simple

yet profound reflections on the Mother of God. Using the image of a reed that is played for music, Houselander demonstrates how Mary chose to make herself an instrument for the divine plan, giving her inmost being to the proclamation of God's greatness, and is the model for all people seeking to be instruments of the Divine.

Author: Caryl Houselander

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Question of the Week Series: Advent

Part 2: What is an advent wreath and what does it symbolize?

The advent wreath symbolizes the light being on in welcome to Christ. It is four candles - usually placed at the entrance of the church, but can be elsewhere - that we progressively light to welcome Christ, who is the Light of the World. We turn the lights on when we welcome someone to our home, so we light the candles with progressively more light to be ready to welcome Christ when we celebrate His birth at Christmas, but also when we look forward to His glorious second coming and as He comes to us each day in word and sacrament.

Faith Formation Food Drive

Thank you to our Faith Formation students for participating in our November donations drive for the Food Pantry! The kids really came through with a lot of much needed food - over 200 items were collected! The generous spirit was well at work in our students!

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



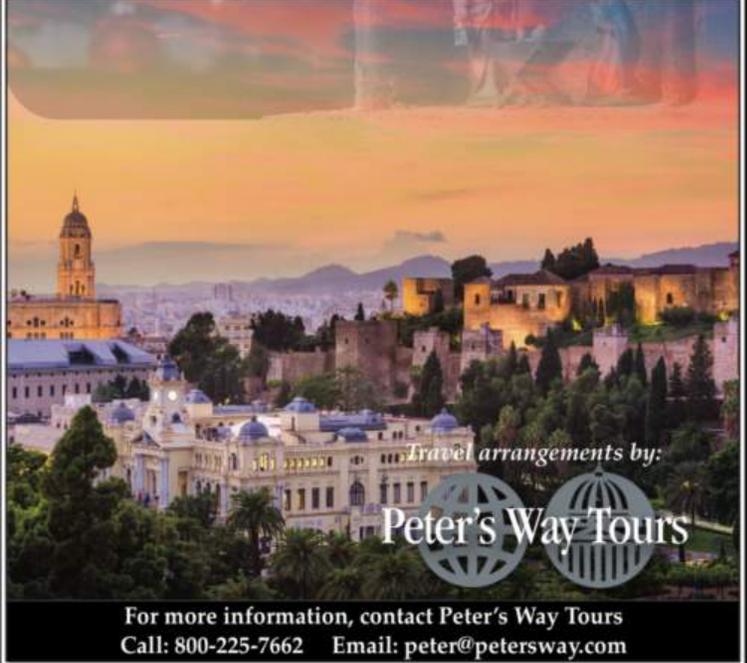
This **Monday, December 11**, will be our last session in this series on The Bible and the Virgin Mary. Please join us this Monday at 6:30 pm at St. Francis School Cafeteria. We will start a new series in January 2024!

Join St. Francis of Assisi Parish on a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France!

Led by Fr. Eduar Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar

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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

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

Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be this **Sunday, December 10**, at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Church. Join us for: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a blessing with a 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed this week is:

Tuna

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

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