

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



Advent Season at St. Francis Catholic

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022



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### **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.  
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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.  
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### **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  
6:00 pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

### **Confessions**

7:30-7:50 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis  
5:15pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis  
3:30-3:50 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

### **Adoration**

5pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday 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

**November 20, 2022: \$ 10,591.35**  
**Catholic Campaign For Human  
Development: \$1,539**

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of November 20, 2022: 641**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

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**November 27, 2022: \$ 10,769.50**

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of November 27, 2022: 596**

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\*Due to the earlier submission deadlines for the  
bulletin as the holidays approach, the Count and  
Collection figures will be published as soon as they  
become available.



**Saturday, December 10**

**8:00 am: St Francis: Special Intention**

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Dorothy Dube**

**Sunday, December 11**

**8:00 am: St Francis: +Karol Bandzi**

**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Luc Morin**

**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Barry White**

**11:30am: St. Jerome: +Laurette Tanguay**

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

**Monday, December 12**

**8:00 am: Pro Populo**

**6:00 pm: +Joseph Liudzius**

**Tuesday, December 13**

**8:00 am: +Charles Poppel**

**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Wednesday, December 14**

**8:00 am: +Souls of Purgatory in Honor of the  
Sacred Heart**

**6:00 pm: +Nancy Bradley and Family**

**Thursday, December 15**

**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**

**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Friday, December 16**

**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**

**6:00 pm: Special Intention**

**Saturday, December 17**

**8:00 am: St Francis: +Steve and Mary Gadzik, Stanley  
and Eleanor Gadzik and Dorothy Gadzik**

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Lucien and Lucien jr Paradis**

**Sunday, December 18**

**8:00 am: St Francis: Intention of Celebrant**

**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Paulo Fisicaro**

**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Mario John Caggiano**

**11:30am: St. Jerome: +Lionel Lecour**

A graphic with a dark blue background featuring a nativity scene. At the top center is a white circular logo with a cross and a crescent moon. The text "Christmas Mass Schedule" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, "Christmas Eve" is written in a smaller white font, followed by "4:00pm @ St. Jerome" and "10:00pm @ St. Jerome". Further down, "Christmas Day" is written in a smaller white font, followed by "9:00am @ St. Joseph" and "10:00am @ St. Francis".

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve**  
**4:00pm @ St. Jerome**  
**10:00pm @ St. Jerome**

**Christmas Day**  
**9:00am @ St. Joseph**  
**10:00am @ St. Francis**

Please be advised, there will only be **One  
Collection** on Christmas Day. All weekly and  
Christmas Donations should be put in the same  
collection basket.

## Ladies' Guild Christmas Party

The Ladies' Guild will be hosting a Potluck Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 13 at St. Francis from 12:30pm-3pm. Anyone Attending is asked to bring their own dish, hors d'oeuvre or dessert, hot or cold, to share. There will also be a \$10 grab bag event. Anyone interested in participating is asked to bring a gift to contribute. The Ladies' Guild will be collection baby items to donate to ABC Women's Center. *Please be sure that any baby gift donations are unwrapped and placed in a gift bag.*

Please RSVP to Lisa at the Parish office with what dish you will be bringing for the event. Hope to see you there!

## FORMED

Ever wonder where to look for information about our faith, our church, the Saints, or the Sacraments? Now you can find informational videos, movies, and even podcasts all on 'FORMED' a website that our Parish has purchased access to. To utilize FORMED, go online to [www.signup.formed.org](http://www.signup.formed.org) You will be asked for Parish Organization, type in St. Francis of Assisi Church, in the drop down menu select St. Francis of Assisi Church 1755 Stanley St New Britain, hit 'next' and then type your name and email address. It is that simple! Please call or email DRE Karyl Beloin for help or with any questions.

[karyl@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:karyl@stfranciscatholic.org) or 860-224-2411 Ext 105

## Hospitality Ministers needed

If you are interested in helping with one or more of the following needs of the parish by:

- Welcoming people to Mass
- Assisting with needs during Mass
- Greeting people as they leave
- Getting the church for the next Mass
- Helping with social events after Mass

Please contact the parish office. Thank you!

## Notes from Fr. Casey Third Sunday of Advent

Many people go to confession in preparation for Christmas. This is a very good practice. The absolute minimum is to go to confession once a year, around Easter (either in Lent or in the Easter season). But living by the minimum is no recipe for success.

Many people make a second trip for confession to get ready for Christmas. While not required, it is a very helpful way to prepare ourselves to welcome the newborn Christ. To accommodate that many people may want to get to confession before Christmas we will **offer an extra 2 hours for confession from 10:00am - 12:00pm on Christmas Eve at St. Francis Church.** This will be the last opportunity for confession before Christmas. With the preparations for the vigil Mass, we will not have the 3:30pm -3:50pm block that day at St. Jerome before Mass.

But there is no need to wait until Christmas Eve (and I mean, who wants to spend Christmas Eve morning waiting in line in church for confession). We offer confession every Monday-Saturday from 7:30 am-7:50 am and every Monday-Friday from 5:15 pm-5:45 pm. Make use of the time before Christmas if you want to go to confession this season.

Additionally, it is better to go to confession frequently, not just once or twice a year. Often I couldn't tell you what I had for lunch a week ago, never mind what sins I committed seven months ago! It is much less stressful to get into the habit of frequent confession. Maybe every month, or even every two weeks. In this way, it is easier to remember what areas we fall short, to take some deliberate practical steps toward improvement, and to check in again in a few weeks. This turns the whole practice from a dreaded annual recap to a frequent targeted attempt at growth, acknowledgement of failing, and regular encounter with the unconditional mercy of God.

## Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour

December 11 at 2pm  
at St. Francis Church

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Investiture of Brown Scapular and a blessing of a 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

## Q&A

### Pray Together Before Dating?

Nothing prevents two Christians from praying together. In itself it is a good thing to pray together before going on a date. The best thing would be if you go to a church and make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament together.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/pray-together-before-dating>



## CATHOLISM: The New Evangelization

The Catholic Faith is not about myths or legends symbols or literary devices. It's about an encounter so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ. Throughout history the call of Christ has sent people to the corners of the earth with a message of great joy, a message that has built civilizations, inspired cultures, and even sent some to prisons and to their graves.

We have the same call - that's the New Evangelization. This documentary series, Bishop Barron's *Word on Fire*, continues the story of CATHOLISM and explores the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture. With the original CATHOLISM series, Bishop Barron took us on a journey around the world deep into the Faith. Now, experience this Faith in action in *CATHOLISM: The New Evangelization*. Please come and join us Mondays at 6:30PM at St. Francis School to explore our faith and traditions.



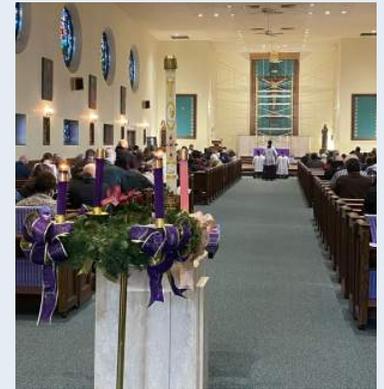
## Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor Patron Saint of contemplatives, mystics, and Spanish poets 1542–1591

Saint John was born into poverty and so was no stranger to need. He was raised by his mother and the Church after his father died at a young age. These two mothers imparted to his mind a solid formation in Catholic doctrine and to his soul an ardent love for the Lord Jesus. John was ordained a priest for the Carmelites in 1567. He loved solitude and contemplation and so considered entering the strictest of Orders, the Carthusians. But holy people cross paths, and a chance meeting with Saint Teresa of Ávila redirected John's vocation. Teresa's combination of charm, intelligence, and drive were difficult to resist, and John fared no better than most. He quickly joined her project to recapture the original purity of the Carmelite Order. Many customs had attached themselves to the Order over time like barnacles on a ship. Now was the moment to scrape off the barnacles. John set out to found new, reformed Carmelite houses and to reinvigorate existing ones.

The reforms John and Teresa implemented were practical. The monks and nuns were to spend more hours chanting the breviary in common, to do more spiritual reading, to spend more hours in silence, to practice contemplative prayer, to abstain completely from meat and to endure longer, more radical fasts. The reformed Carmelites eventually became known after their most noticeable change. They strictly adhered to the Carmelite Rule's original prohibition against wearing shoes. So by the time they were canonically established as their own Order, distinct from the historic Carmelites, they were called the Discalced, or Shoeless, Carmelites.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/14-december-saint-john-of-the-cross-priest-and-doctor--memorial/>

## Photos of the Week



Top Right Photo:  
St. Francis decorated  
for Advent  
Bottom Right, Left and  
Center photos: 'Coffee  
and' at St Francis



## Vocations

God is calling men to the priesthood.

The Office of Vocations can help you hear God's voice and discern His will for your life. If you think God is calling you the time to act is now! To talk about a priestly vocation, contact Fr. Michael Casey, Vocation Director, 860-761-7456.



## Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone who is ill, has lost a loved one or is struggling with difficult life situations and could use some comfort? If so, please consider giving them a blessed prayer shawl. There are many colors to choose from. Please stop by the parish office if you would like one. The prayer shawls are given at no charge.

## BINGO

Monday Evenings  
**St. Jerome Church Hall**  
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Doors open at 5pm  
Games begin at 6:30pm

**\*New Location\***

Sunday Afternoons  
**St. Joseph School**  
195 South Main St., New Britain  
Doors open at 11:30pm  
Games begin at 2pm

## Pastoral Care Ministry

We are most eager to help anyone who is unable to join us at Mass because of illness, handicap or age. Any parishioner in need of anointing of the sick or sacramental care at, assisted living, hospital or care facility, please call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 and we will be happy to arrange a visit.

## AA Meetings

Wednesdays at 7pm  
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 Fridays at 7pm  
 St. Joseph School  
 (Spanish speaking group)  
 Saturdays at 7pm  
 St. Jerome Church Hall



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Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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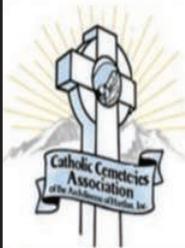
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