

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



Archbishop Coyne celebrates Mass at St. Francis for the First Sunday of Advent

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023**



Pastor
Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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Alan Bielawski

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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 10, 2023: \$17,517.97

Special Collection - Retirement Fund
for Religious: \$3,523.00

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of
December 10, 2023: 704

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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www.abcwomenscenter.org

Calendar Notes

Parish Office Closed:

Monday December 25th

Tuesday December 26th

Monday January 1st

January 1, 2024

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God

*It is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation
as it falls on a Monday*

Mass will be at 9:00 am at St. Francis

There will be no adoration or confession

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, December 18

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 am: +Kamil Filipowicz

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 am: +Donald Spilka

Thursday, December 21

8:00 am: +Kamil Filipowicz

Friday, December 22

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Mario John Caggiano

Saturday, December 23

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday Morning, December 24 (4th Sunday of Advent)

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

9:00 am: St. Joseph: Intention of the Celebrant

10:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

11:30 am: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday Evening, December 24 (Christmas Vigil)

4:00 pm: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

10:00 pm: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

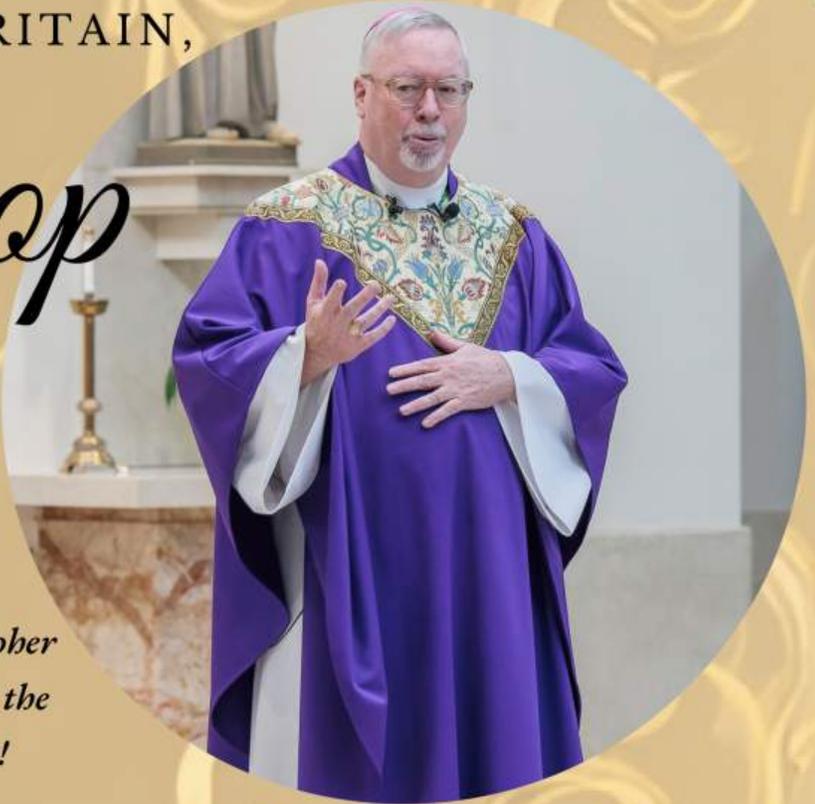
**To Schedule a Mass Intention, please call
the Parish office at 860-224-2411**

Parish Life: Photos of the Week

WELCOME TO NEW BRITAIN,

Archbishop Coyne

The Most Reverend Archbishop Christopher Coyne was the celebrant at the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent at St. Francis!





Baptism of Evana French at St. Francis



Baptism of Alonso Bido at St. Francis



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)

Christmas Nativity

Help prepare our churches for Christmas!
We are looking for 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

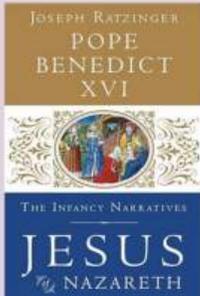
An introduction to the Catholic Faith and Sacrament preparation for adults

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." (1Peter 3:15)



The Infancy Narratives

Written by Pope Benedict XVI, this New York Times bestseller details how the stories of Jesus' infancy and childhood are as relevant today as they were 2000 years ago. This is a story of longing and seeking, as seen by the Magi searching for the redemption offered by the birth of a king.

It's a story of sacrifice and trusting completely in God, as seen in the faith of Simeon, when in the presence of the Christ child. Ultimately, Jesus' life and message is a story for today, that speaks to the restlessness of the human heart searching for truth which alone leads to profound joy.

Author: Pope Benedict XVI

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Question of the Week Series: Advent

Part 3: Why are the candle and vestments pink this week?

During the third week of Advent, we use the pink candle on the Advent wreath as well as pink vestments - otherwise known as *rose* vestments. The lightening of the purple color is meant to be a reminder to rejoice in celebration of the upcoming birth of the Savior. The title for this Sunday is Gaudate Sunday, from today's entrance antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5). Sometimes we can get so busy with all the different things going on leading up to Christmas, and the anxieties and the *stuff* of the season that we forget to *rejoice* because it will soon be Christmas and *God Himself* has been born into creation out of love for us! And so the pink candle, the pink vestments, and the liturgy of the Church, remind us to take a second to just be *joyful* and rejoice in the upcoming birth of Our Savior.

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed this week is:

Peanut Butter and Jelly

- 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.

Monetary donations & gift cards are also appreciated.

Donations may be brought to any of our open churches.

Thank you for your support!

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

Led by Fr. Eduar Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar

April 8–17, 2024

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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 2:00pm



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



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