



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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The Feast of the Holy Family

December 31, 2023

Welcome to our Parish



Pastor
Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacon
Alan Bielawski

**1010 Slater Rd.,
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**Office Hours
Monday-Friday,
9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

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Email Notification System

In the event of inclement weather, schedule changes or cancellations, this will be the primary way to notify our parishioners. To opt in, email your request with your full name and email address to: notification@stfranciscatholic.org. Please note: We do not send texts and cannot make phone calls.

Prayer Line

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

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.

Our Parish Churches

St. Francis of Assisi Church
1755 Stanley St. New Britain, CT 06053

St. Jerome Church
1010 Slater Rd. New Britain, CT 06053

St. Joseph Church
195 South Main St. New Britain, CT 06051

St. Peter Church
98 Franklin Sq. New Britain, CT 06051

St. Maurice Church
100 Wightman Rd. New Britain, CT 06052

St. John the Evangelist Church
655 East St. New Britain, CT 06051

Count & Collection

December 17, 2023: \$13,088.29

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of
December 17, 2023: 681

Due to early publishing deadlines for the holidays, totals will be published once they are available.

Bingo Bonanza

Sunday afternoon Bingo at St. Joseph raised **\$68,000** for the parish in 2023!

In Loving Memory we pray for

Betsy Perkins

and all the recently deceased

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

ABC Women's Center

A local, trusted & confidential pregnancy resource center - call for a free pregnancy test, ultrasound, parenting class, post abortive support, or the D.A.D Program: **860-344-9292**

Office is open: Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at

8 Concord Street, New Britain

www.abcwomenscenter.org

Calendar Notes

Parish Office Closed:

Monday January 1st

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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 30

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Josephine Santoro

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Gino, Giuseppi, Maria, Eugenio Ricciardi & Salvatore Petrillo

Sunday, December 31

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

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Thomas J. Luddy

10:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Susie Perzan

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, January 1

9:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 am: +Christopher Breda

Thursday, January 4

8:00 am: +Marie Bialobrzewski

Friday, January 5

8:00 am: St. Francis: Pro Populo

Saturday, January 6

8:00 am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop & priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Joseph Coelho

Sunday, January 7

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

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



*Ladies Guild
Christmas Party*

*Faith Formation
Christmas Party*



*CCSU Student
Gingerbread
Contest*



*Wedding of
Sara Brazel
& Brian Roberge*



Tax Statements

Tax statements for 2023 envelope donations available upon request.

Please contact the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 to request one.

2023

**Be
The
Light**

SEEK 2024

Please keep Fr. Casey and nearly 40 of our CCSU students and missionaries in your prayers! This week they travel to St. Louis for the annual SEEK conference where they will join thousands of other college students for prayer, fellowship, and inspiration on how to bring Christ into their local communities.

First Friday & First Saturday

First Friday:

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday January 5th, 5:00 pm to 8:00 am Saturday at St. Francis

First Saturday:

Join us for the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet for the

Sanctification of the priests and bishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford,

Saturday January 6th, 7:00 am (before the 8:00 am Mass) at St. Francis



Hallow



TO GET STARTED ON HALLOW

Scan the QR code here or start on the Registration Page:

hallow.com/holyday

Type in and select "St Francis of Assisi, New Britain CT"

Follow the instructions on the screen

Download the Hallow app from the app store

Log in with the same email address and password you used to
create your account on the registration page



New Adult Faith Formation Video Series: The Pivotal Players, Volume 1

Join Bishop Barron on his journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people! You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where St. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

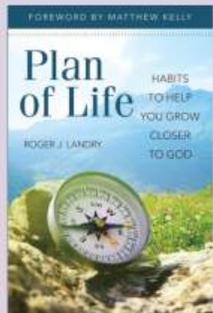
Sessions beginning on Monday, January 8 at 6:30 pm at the St. Francis School Cafeteria.



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)

Plan of Life



In this insightful work, author Fr. Roger Landry offers guidance on connecting with God, beginning with 12 foundational principles. Particular emphasis is put on the pivotal role of the Holy Spirit, plus reframing practices like daily prayer, scripture reading and confession, which are often seen as obligations, as avenues of personal growth that lead to inner purpose and joy. The second part delves into more intricate acts, meant to deepen the reader's spiritual journey, such as daily Mass attendance, increased Marian devotions and penitential practices. This profound yet accessible book offers great wisdom and is an excellent spiritual workout for the new year.

Author: Fr. Roger Landry

Praying for our Priests

Think about the greatness of the Holy Priesthood in our Church, about their power to consecrate simple bread into the Body, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the tremendous responsibility of the priests regarding the eternal destiny of the immortal souls which are entrusted to their care.

Please support our priests in their responsibility through your daily prayers. Please take one of the "Apostolate of Prayer for Priests" calendar located near the bulletins. This calendar designates a specific day to remember particular priests from the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Question of the Week: Christmas

When should Catholics take down Christmas decorations?

As Catholics we traditionally keep our Christmas decorations up until at least the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th, commemorating the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. This distinguishes our Christian celebration from the secular commercial Christmas, which as we all know seems to begin mid-October and is over by December 26th. We can even keep our decorations up until the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus (Candlemas) on February 2nd, extending the festive period of the Christmas season and allowing plenty of time to reflect on the spiritual significance of Christ's birth. If you've already taken down your decorations by the time you're reading this, then try to keep it in mind for next year's Christmas celebration.

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed this week is:

- Canned Fruit
- 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.

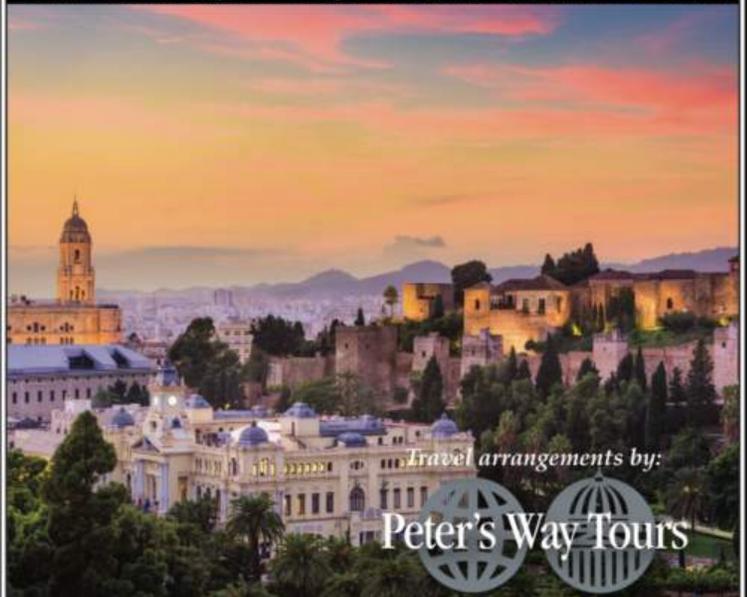
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Join St. Francis of Assisi Parish on a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France!

Led by Fr. Eduar Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar

April 8–17, 2024

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For more information, contact Peter's Way Tours
Call: 800-225-7662 Email: peter@petersway.com

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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