

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



First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 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

November 19, 2023: \$11,800.76

November 26, 2023: \$10,627.24

Campaign for Human Development: \$1,984  
*This amount includes the basket, mail in  
and online donations.*

Mass Attendance for the weekend of

November 19, 2023: 714

November 26, 2023: 708

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## In Loving Memory we pray for Victoria Steele

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



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## Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend our parish will take up a special  
collection to support the Retirement Fund for  
Religious. Please donate to help thousands of  
elderly religious individuals retire with dignity.

Your donation will provide essential care,  
medicine and other necessities for nearly 25,000  
senior sisters, brothers and religious order  
priests who have served for decades.

# Retirement Fund for Religious

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 2

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** Sanctification of the Bishops &  
Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

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

### Sunday, December 3

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Viola Carney & the Deceased  
Members of the Carney Family

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Dinh Ho & Ut Nguyen

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +John Miklaszewski

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** Deceased members of the Berrios,  
Ortiz, Diaz & Rivera Families

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

**\*\*Please note the change in Mass times & locations  
for the Holy Day\*\***

### Monday, December 4

**8:00 am:** Pro Populo

### Tuesday, December 5

**8:00 am:** Special Intention

### Wednesday, December 6

**8:00 am:** Special Intention

### Thursday, December 7 *Immaculate Conception Vigil*

**8:00 am:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**6:00 pm: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, December 8 *The Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

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

**12:00 pm: St. Jerome:** Intention of the Celebrant

**6:00 pm: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, December 9

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Gilman, June, Wilfred, & Ervin  
Voisine

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

### 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

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

# Parish Life: Photos of the Week



*Fr. Casey celebrates the daily Mass on television for the Office of Radio and TV with CCSU students in attendance*



Baptism of Helen Zoe Chabla at St. Francis



Wedding of Roberto Chabla & Melida Pillcorema at St. Francis



Officer Lauren DeMartino, NBPD, presents on Safety at the November Ladies Guild Meeting



Legion of Mary after the 11:30 am Mass at St. Jerome

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY DECEMBER 24</b></p> <p><b>4:00 PM ST. JEROME</b></p> <p><b>10:00 PM ST. JEROME</b></p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY DECEMBER 25</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM ST. JOSEPH</b></p> <p><b>11:00 AM ST. FRANCIS</b></p>
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*Immaculate Conception*

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 8**  
**A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Mass Times:**  
**Thursday December 7:**  
**6:00 pm Vigil - St. Francis**

**Friday December 8:**  
**8:00 am - St. Francis**  
**12:00 pm - St. Jerome**  
**6:00 pm - St. Francis**

**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**

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

*Exactly who is the Blessed Virgin Mary? Can you explain her role in God's plan for the world? Do you fully understand the vital role she plays in your life?* While Catholics know Mary is important, many never fully grasp how essential she really is - but now they can. *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* unveils the mystery of

Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture.

In this video series of twelve visually stunning lessons, join author and speaker Matthew Leonard in this beautiful, awe-inspiring journey in which the Mary of doctrine and devotion comes alive in a powerful, new way.

**Sessions ongoing on Mondays, 6:30 pm at St. Francis School Cafeteria.**

## O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

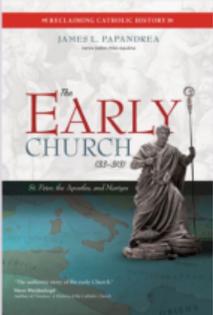
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### Reason for Hope

*"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1Peter 3:15)*



### Reclaiming Catholic History: The Early Church

In *The Early Church*, Papandrea refutes fourteen fashionable "myth-conceptions" about early Christian history and enables believers to make sense of the Church's beginnings. In this book, you will learn: No money or power was attached to being a bishop or priest in the early Church, Christian holidays were not adaptations of pagan celebrations, Christians have never believed in an eternal life for souls without bodies, the doctrine of the Trinity was not forced upon the Church by Constantine, but was a belief from the very beginning, and much more.

Author: James Papandrea

## VENMO US!

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### Question of the Week Series: Advent

*Part 1: Isn't it already the Christmas season? Can I listen to Christmas music and put up decorations?*

A visit to any store this past week will show that the secular Christmas season is well underway. As Catholics, it is fine to participate in these festivities as long as it's done with the understanding that we are getting ready for Christmas, not actually celebrating Christmas. The Advent season, which we're starting this weekend, is a season of hopeful waiting and preparation, which is the spirit we should work to maintain throughout the next few weeks. One suggestion is to enjoy all the secular Christmas music you'd like now, and save some of the religious Christmas music for Christmas itself. Also keep in mind, any Christmas decorations put up now should stay up through the end of the Christmas season, which is on January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany. So, go ahead and enjoy Christmas music and putting up decorations, and keep in mind that we are getting ready for Christmas, not actually celebrating it yet.



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## Winter Homeless Drive

November 11 - December 3

Help us make a difference in our community  
by keeping everyone warm and cozy!

**WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

10 ride bus tickets

**SOCKS (white and gray crew) - GLOVES - HATS -  
SCARVES - HAND WARMERS**  
Women's shampoo/Deodorant



**DROP OFF LOCATIONS (at the church entrance)**

St. Jerome - St. Joseph - St. Francis

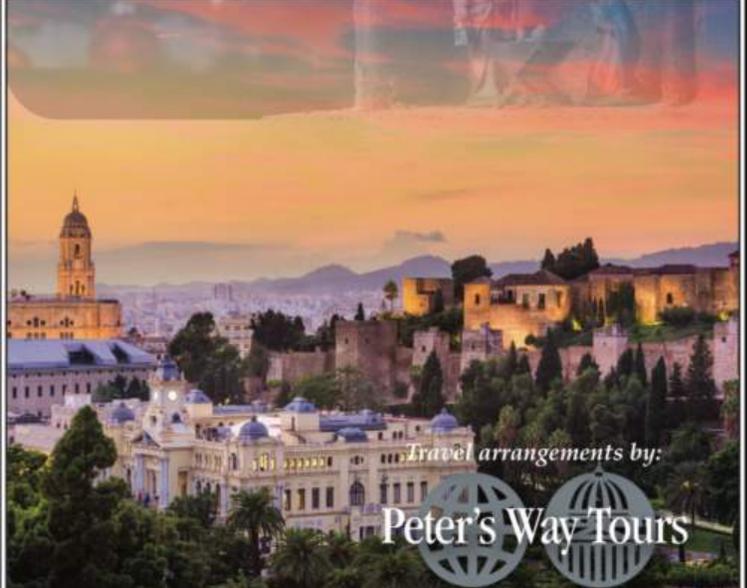
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## Join St. Francis of Assisi Parish on a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France!

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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 next **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:

- 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.

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