

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



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition at St. Francis Catholic

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 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.
New Britain, CT 06053

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 13, 2022: \$ 10,260.71

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend
of November 13, 2022: 656**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

*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 3

8:00 am: St Francis: Special Intention

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Hedwig Hryniuk

Sunday, December 4

8:00 am: St Francis: +Romona Luna

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Lori Paradise

**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Kathleen and Charles Bracken
and Son and Sundury Family**

11:30am: St. Jerome: +Kozlowski Family

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, December 5

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, December 6

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

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, December 8

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, December 9

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: +Sr. Mary Rosalee

Saturday, December 10

8:00 am: St Francis: Special Intention

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Dorothy Dube

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am: St Francis: Intention of Celebrant

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

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

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

**To Schedule a Mass, please call the Parish
office, located at St. Jerome at 860-224-2411**



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.

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 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 or 860-224-2411 Ext 105

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!

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!



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. Casey, Vocation Director, 860-761-7456.



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Notes from Fr. Casey Second Sunday of Advent

1. This Thursday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. This is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Our Masses are the vigil at 6pm on Wednesday December 7 at St. Francis and Thursday at 8:00am at St. Francis, 12:00 noon at St. Jerome, 6:00 pm at St. Francis.

2. At the 6:00 pm Mass on December 8th, **Erik Lindblad** will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Erik is a young adult who found our community at St. Francis last October and has been very active in many events since then. We look forward to his becoming Catholic.

3. The new **Mural Paintings** should be completed in the frames at St. Francis soon. The artist, Sasha Shatlan, has done work at St. Joseph, St. Mary, and at other area churches. I very much look forward to seeing this completed project!

4. On Wednesday December 7th, we will be hosting Archbishop Blair at St. Jerome Church to celebrate the **Funeral Mass for Fr. Joseph Montgomery**, Ordination Class of 1958, who died on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Fr. Montgomery served at many parishes in the Archdiocese prior to his retirement, most recently at Holy Spirit in Newington as Assistant Pastor. Please keep him in your prayers.

5. I'm very grateful to all those who participated in our **Winter Clothing Drive**, coordinated by our Knights of Columbus to support those who attend the St. Peter Mingle. As I've said, we have direct contact with those in need in our community and it is very good to see the help we can provide working together. A special thank you to Linda Strajkowski for identifying the need and to Bill Philippon from the Knights for organizing the collection.



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.

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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.

Advent program: Yearning for God

Why not begin the Advent season with a day of prayer? Please join us at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, for a presentation by Sister Mary Ann Strain, CP on December 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. She will explore Scripture that frame the Advent season and remind us again that God is found in the ordinary moments of daily life. Donation is \$50 and includes lunch. To Register visit www.OurLadyofCalvary.net. or call 860-677-8519.

BINGO

Monday Evenings
St. Jerome Church Hall
1010 Slater Rd., New Britain
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 12:30pm
Games begin at 2pm



Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

Patron Saint of Milan and beekeepers

c. 337–397

Ambrose was a high-born Roman, educated in the refined classical tradition of his age. Ambrose studied Latin, Greek, rhetoric, law, and the classics in Rome. He was a patrician but also a Christian, albeit unbaptized. At a young age he was noticed by powerful mentors who recommended him for crucial civil posts, and when only thirty years old Ambrose was appointed governor of two Northern Italian provinces. He was living in Milan, where the capital had migrated from Rome decades before, when his great moment came.

In 374 the Arian bishop of Milan died, leading to conflicts over whether his successor would be an Arian or an orthodox Catholic. Ambrose was a well-known and well-liked political figure who hovered in the Emperor's court, so he was sent to pacify the crowds in the church where the contentious episcopal election was to occur. When he spoke to the faithful about the need for a peaceful election, they called out "Ambrose for bishop." He was stunned, refused the honor, and went into hiding. He eventually ceded to the demands of both the region's bishops and the Emperor and accepted the position. Ambrose was baptized, ordained into Holy Orders, and consecrated Bishop of Milan, where he would spend the rest of his days. Ambrose's asceticism and generosity increased his popularity.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/7-december-saint-ambrose-bishop-and-doctor-memorial/>

Photos of the Week



Congratulations to Avery Delaney, Jaylah Mercado-Armwood and William Craven on their Baptisms



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit and talk on Blessed Carlos Acutis



St Joseph's Food Pantry visit the various Fire stations of New Britain



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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Pasta Sauce

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*Jelly

*Canned soups

*Canned Fruit

*Canned Vegetable

Canned Meat/Tuna

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Raman Noodles

*Mac and Cheese

Snack Items: cookies, Crackers, etc.

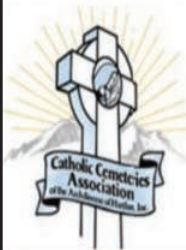
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