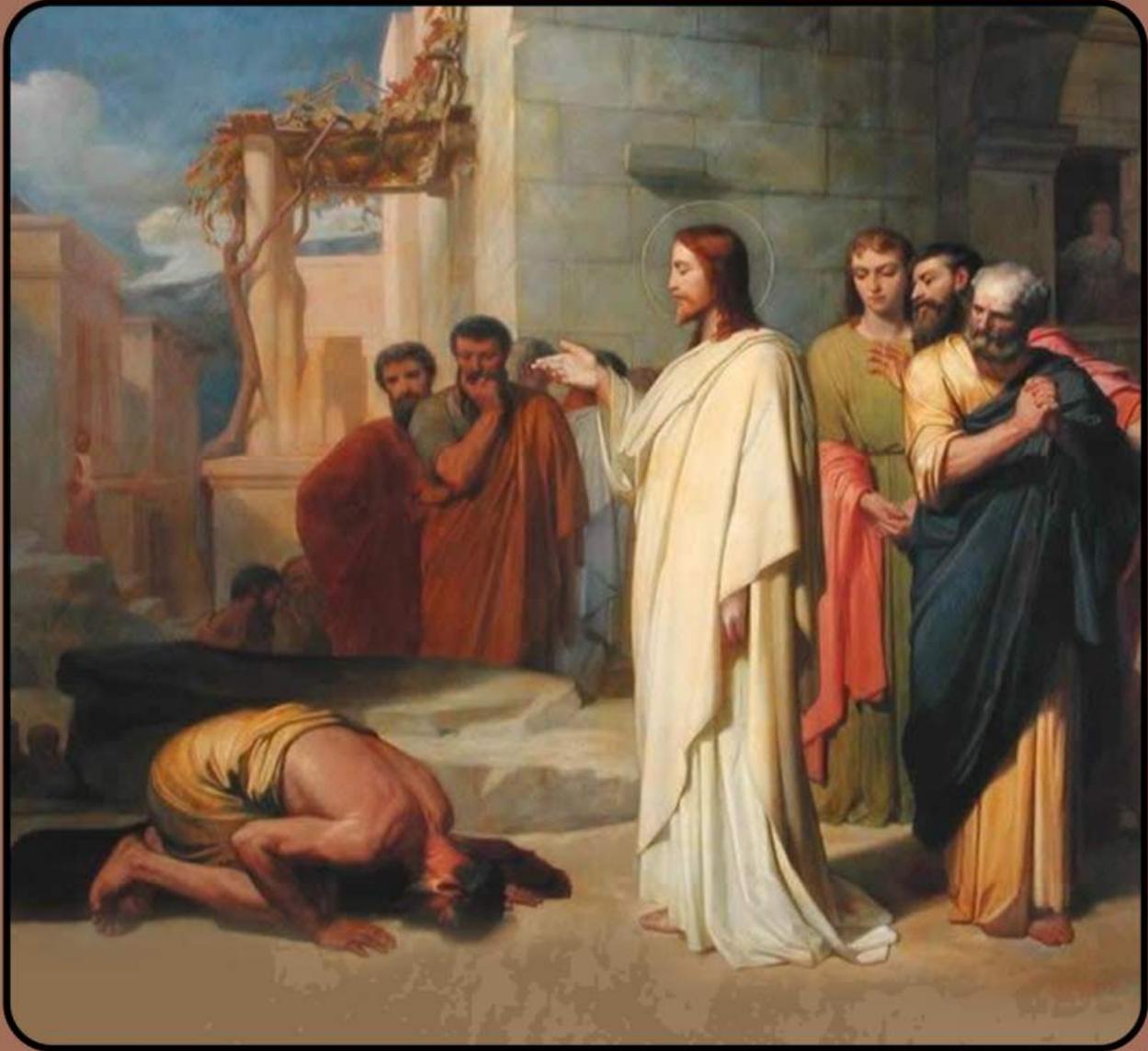




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Christ Healing the Leper, JPPC

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 11, 2024

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**

**Tel: 860-224-2411
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**Email: parishoffice@stfranciscatholic.org
www.stfranciscatholic.org**

Online Giving

Visit www.stfranciscatholic.org, click Donate to launch the Parish Giving website where you can Give Now or create an account to set up recurring contributions. Thank you for your generosity!



Email Notification System

In the event of schedule changes or cancellations due to inclement weather, 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

February 4, 2024: \$12,720.49

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of
February 4, 2024: 668

Thank you for your generosity!

In Loving Memory we pray for Mario Bennardo

and all the recently deceased

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

Sister Miriam McGuire

In loving memory we pray for Sister Miriam McGuire, SSND, who passed away this week, aged 100. She served as a teacher at St. Francis School from 1975-2006 and impacted countless lives in her tenure.



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

Catholic Biblical School Open House

From now through May 1, the New England Catholic Biblical School invites you to come visit an in-person or virtual class to see how studying all 73 books of the Bible can change your life!

Call 860-242-5573 or visit:

www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com

SNOW POLICY

When there is active snow on a Sunday, ALL Sunday Masses (8, 9, 10 & 11:30 am) will be held at St. Francis to allow for consistency of snow removal and safe entrance to all buildings. If we need to implement this schedule it will be announced on parish social media and our notifications email list.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Scott Lambert

Sunday, February 11

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Tim Cote

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Conrad Ouellette

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

11:30 am: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the Beaupre & Heleniak Families

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis*

***Except Ash Wednesday, February 14**

Monday, February 12

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 am: +Norman Roy

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

6:30 am: St. Francis: Prayer Service

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

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

12:00 pm: St. Peter: Prayer Service

2:00 pm: CCSU: Ashes on Campus

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

Thursday, February 15

8:00 am: +Anne Gurr

Friday, February 16

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 17

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Emilia Francalanga & Sr. Angela Ricciardi

Sunday, February 18

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Dorota Kijewski

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Robert Corriveau

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Robert & Judy Kelley

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Connie Famularo

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



*Congratulations to
John & Evelyn
who got engaged
this week!*



John and Evelyn both are active students in the CCSU Catholic Campus Ministry and teach in our faith formation program

FEAST OF ST BLAISE

Blessing of Throats



Palm Collection

We will be collecting old palms through **Sunday February 11**. You may leave them in the designated boxes in the entrances of St. Francis, St. Jerome or St. Joseph Churches. **This is the last weekend we will be collecting palms.**

Ash Wednesday Schedule

February 14, 2024

6:30 am Prayer service with ashes
St. Francis

8:00 am Mass with ashes
St. Francis

12:00 pm Mass with ashes
St. Jerome

12:00 pm Prayer service with ashes
St. Peter

2:00 pm ashes on Campus
Central Connecticut State University

6:00 pm Mass with ashes
St. Francis



Stations of the Cross

*Every Friday
During Lent
(except Good Friday)*

12:00 pm
St. Jerome

6:00 pm
St. Francis

ASH WEDNESDAY

THE BEGINNING OF LENT

WHAT IS LENT

The 40 day period from Ash Wednesday to before Easter Sunday. It is marked by prayer, fasting, abstinence and other acts of penance.



WHAT IS FASTING



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

DAYS OF FAST

Ash Wednesday

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Catholics aged
18-59



The sick and pregnant or nursing women are excused from fasting



WHAT IS ABSTINENCE



Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be flesh & organs of mammals & fowl.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday

All Fridays
of Lent

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Mandatory for everyone



The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship Application

The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship was established in 2016 by Kenneth Revoir in memory and in honor of his mother, Martha Revoir, a parishioner of St. Maurice Church, now known as Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. In creating the scholarship trust, it was Mr. Revoir's intention that students be able to pursue the education for which they are qualified and which they wish to pursue in order to become successful, productive citizens. The scholarship is primarily to provide financial assistance to eligible students who have been members of Saint Francis Parish for at least the year prior to the student's application. If there are no qualified applicants, the Trustees have the authority to award scholarships to students who are members of other Roman Catholic parishes in New Britain for at least one year prior to application.

Scholarships with a minimum of \$2,500 may be awarded to full time undergraduate students who are enrolled at accredited colleges, universities, or community colleges or are pursuing a course of study which will prepare them for a trade or profession at an accredited educational facility which awards degrees or certificates and has a full time faculty. Scholarships may include assistance with tuition, fees, books, and living expenses. High school seniors who will be enrolled at an accredited educational facility by June for the fall semester are also eligible to apply. To ensure that the information pertaining to the Trust gets sufficient distribution, the Trustees have decided to place this announcement regarding the Trust in each church bulletin throughout New Britain's Catholic Churches.

After reviewing all the applications provided to the Scholarship Committee by students who are members of that parish the scholarship committee will examine the other applications from other New Britain Parishes and shall forward their recommendations to the trustees. To keep the process as streamlined as possible, all applications will be sent to the Scholarship Committee at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Scholarship application that contain all of the requirement needed to apply may be obtained at the Saint Francis Parish Office (860) 224-2411 or contact Lisa at lisa@stfranciscatholic.org.

It is extremely important that all requirements and deadlines contained in the application process be met in a timely manner. Failure to enclose the required materials and to meet the deadlines will cause the application to be deemed incomplete and it will not be forwarded to the Trustees for consideration. **Application deadline is March 15, 2024.**

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.

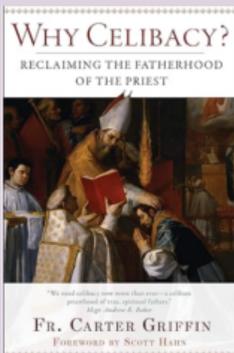
Sessions ongoing Mondays at 6:30 pm at the St. Francis School Cafeteria.

Reason for Hope

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

Why Celibacy?

Priestly celibacy, some say, is an outdated relic from another age. Others see it as a lonely way of life. But as Fr. Carter Griffin argues, this ancient practice, when lived well, helps a priest exercise his spiritual fatherhood joyfully and fruitfully. Along the way, Griffin explores: *the question of optional celibacy, some pitfalls of celibate paternity, the selection and formation of candidates for celibate priesthood, why biological fathers are also called to spiritual fatherhood* and much more.



Author:
Fr. Carter Griffin

Tax Statements

Tax statements for 2023 envelope donations available upon request. Please contact the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 to request one.

Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be this **Sunday, February 11**, 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:

Tuna

- Cereal
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Canned Soup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- 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!

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

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BINGO

Sunday Afternoons
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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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