



# ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC



*Le Christ au Désert Servi par les Anges (Christ in the Desert Served by the Angels), 1631–1681, Jean Baptiste de Champaigne - Public Domain*

*First Sunday of Lent*  
February 18, 2024

# Welcome to our Parish



**Pastor**  
Rev. Michael Casey

**Parochial Vicar**  
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

**Deacon**  
Alan Bielawski

**1010 Slater Rd.,  
New Britain, CT 06053**

**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Friday,**  
**9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

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**[www.stfranciscatholic.org](http://www.stfranciscatholic.org)**

## Online Giving

Visit [www.stfranciscatholic.org](http://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](mailto: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 11, 2024: \$11,602.89

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of

February 11, 2024: 690

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## In Loving Memory we pray for

Albert Thibodeau

Anna Gibney

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](http://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](http://www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com)

## Weekly Mass Intentions

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, February 19

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 am: +Janice Koley

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Albo & Rodriguez Families

Thursday, February 22

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, February 23

8:00 am: +Leonard Guzzi & the Deceased Members of the Guzzi Family

Saturday, February 24

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** +David Symolon

4:00 pm **Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Alexander, Margaret, & Elaine Tucciarone & Nancy Bannon

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** +Irena Mulawka

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** +Robert Leo Andreoli

10:00 am: **St. Francis:** Special Intention

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** +Maria & Gino Ricciardi & Maria Lombardo

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

## 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.

# AROUND THE PARISH & DIOCESE



**Top Row:**  
Making the ashes for Ash Wednesday

**Middle Row:**  
The choir performs at the Saturday Vigil & 5F hosts a Superbowl Party

**Bottom Row:**  
The Archbishop's Annual Appeal Beer Tasting & Cocktail Hour

## Evidences to Sustain Your Faith

Looking to grow in your faith this Lent? Join us as we explore exciting evidence regarding our Faith, traditions, and beliefs such as the Shroud of Turin and Cloth of Odessa. We will also explore numerous Eucharistic miracles and the scientific evidence proving it turned into matching blood and heart muscle tissue. Well known Marian Apparitions such as Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe will be discussed, as well as evidence left behind by hundreds of saints whose bodies are preserved and proven to be incorruptible.

You won't want to miss this!

There will only be ONE session offered, on Monday February 26th at 6:30 PM  
at St. Francis School Cafeteria, presented by Joseph Fabrizio.

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent (except Good Friday)

12:00 pm

6:00 pm

St. Jerome

St. Francis

*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.*

# 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.

PRAYING



FASTING



ABSTINENCE



## 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](mailto: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.

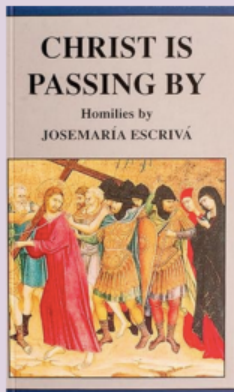
**Sessions ongoing Mondays at 6:30 pm at the St. Francis School Cafeteria.**

### Reason for Hope

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

### Christ is Passing By

Christ Is Passing By collects 18 homilies given by St. Josemaria between 1951 and 1971, on the occasion of various liturgical feast days. The guiding thread is divine filiation, and the universal call to holiness entailed by this reality. Other important themes are the sanctification of ordinary work, contemplation in the midst of the world, and unity of life. The first edition was published in 1973. Over half a million copies have been sold in 14 languages.



*Author:*  
*St. Josemaris Escrivá*

### Question of the Week *What is a Catechumen?*

Simply put, a catechumen is a person receiving instruction in our Catholic faith in order to be baptized. This initiation into Christian life should dispose the catechumen to receive the gift of God in Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, with the goal of bringing their conversion and faith to maturity. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Catechumens "are already joined to the Church, they are already of the household of Christ, and are quite frequently already living a life of faith, hope, and charity. With love and solicitude mother Church already embraces them as her own." (CCC1248-1249)

## 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!*

## Sign Up Free for Hallow



Scan the QR code or start on the

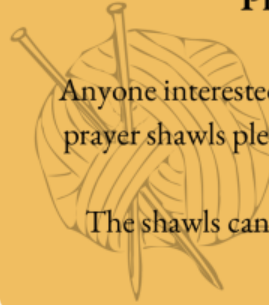
Registration Page: [hallow.com/holyday](http://hallow.com/holyday)

Type in & select "St Francis of Assisi, New Britain CT" and Follow the instructions on the screen

Download the Hallow app

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

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Anyone interested in using their knitting skills to make prayer shawls please contact Lisa at the parish office at (860) 224-2411.

The shawls can be knitted as a group or completed independently.

## 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](mailto: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

## VENMO US!

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## O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults  
*An introduction to the Catholic Faith and  
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