

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



Archbishop's Annual Appeal Beer Tasting

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2023



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1755 Stanley St.
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**St. Katharine Drexel Parish at
St. Jerome Church**

1010 Slater Rd.
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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. 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

February 12, 2023: \$12,416.97

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of February 12, 2023: 668

Thank you to all who support our parish.

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY

THE BEGINNING OF LENT



WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of the previous year are burned to create ashes which will be imposed on the faithful's foreheads.

WHY USE ASHES

Since the Old Testament, ashes have been a symbol of repentance. Imposing it upon the faithful's forehead is a reminder and an invitation to repent, and follow God.

WHAT IS LENT

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, 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

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE



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

DAYS OF FAST

Ash Wednesday Good Friday

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday All Fridays of Lent Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Catholics aged 18 to 59



The sick are excused from fasting

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old



***** Sources: Code of Canon Law, Roman Missal, Pope Benedict XVI (General Audience, 9 March 2011) *****

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Saturday, February 18

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Sr. Angela Ricciardi

Sunday, February 19

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Albina Leiberis

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Stanley Cap

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, February 20

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: +John Werhof

Wednesday, February 22

6:30 am: St. Francis: Prayer Service

8:00 am: St Francis: Mass: Special Intention

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

12:00 pm: St. Peter: Prayer Service

2:00pm: Ashes at CCSU

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

Thursday, February 23

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: +Holy Souls of Purgatory and
Carney Family

Friday, February 24

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 25

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Rita Leclerc

Sunday, February 26

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Concetta and Salvatore Fiscaro

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Normand Norbert, jr.

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

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

Ash Wednesday Schedule

- 6:30 am Prayer service with ashes @ St. Francis
- 8:00 am Mass with ashes @ St. Francis
- 12:00 Mass with ashes @ St. Jerome
- 12:00 Prayer service with ashes @ St. Peter
- 2:00 pm ashes on Campus @ CCSU
- 6:00 pm Mass with ashes @ St. Francis

Photo of the Week



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What to give up for Lent

This upcoming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is the Spring Training of the Catholic Church, a time to get back to the basics and focus on how we live the Christian life. Traditionally we do this in three main areas: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. The way most people know this culturally is that we give something up for Lent. This year rather than going with the old standbys of chocolate or some other form of dessert, it could be helpful to be a bit more intentional about what we give up.

Lent is a great opportunity to look at what may be keeping us from really giving our hearts to God, the things that distract us from Him. For some, that may be chocolate or desserts which demand our attention and about which we dream day and night. For many others, I'd guess their smartphone is more distracting than dessert. Eating the ice cream and laying off Facebook, Youtube, Instagram, or Snapchat could make for a much more rigorous Lent. Similarly, televisions, in many American houses, may be on any time someone is home. Giving up the TV for Lent is a great way to eliminate that perpetual distraction.

Ideally, we even pick something at which we might fail. If we have a perfect Lent, we haven't set the bar high enough. If we haven't failed within the first week or two, maybe we need to set a more demanding goal. But, on the flip side, we aren't supposed to be overly scrupulous. It is ok to have a little of what you gave up on Sundays or other feast days. Don't go crazy, but just relax the penance a bit. Be sure to thank God for a little breather along the way.

Finally, the whole point isn't just denial. When we give something up, it is important to replace it. So if we cut out a form of social media or other digital distraction, we should try to spend more time in prayer, or doing a form of reading, or being with family or friends. Maybe we can spend a little extra time helping others. Fasting clears the way for prayer and almsgiving. That is the recipe for a very fruitful Lent.



The Passion and Death of Jesus According to Matthew and John

During Holy Week, we will hear the Passion Narrative twice. On Palm Sunday, we will hear the Passion Narrative according to St. Matthew. Then, on Good Friday, we shall hear the Passion Narrative according to St. John. In this four-part series, Monsignor Frank Matera (who assists us on weekends) will highlight the distinctive way in which each Evangelist presents the story of Jesus' passion and death.

February 27

The Arrest and Trial of Jesus according
to the Gospel of Matthew

March 6

The Crucifixion and Death of
Jesus according to the Gospel Matthew

March 13

The Arrest and Trial of Jesus
according to the Gospel of John

March 20

The Crucifixion and Death
of Jesus according to the Gospel of John
Each session will be held at St. Francis School on
Monday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM

Sacred Heart on The Lake Retreat Center UPCOMING RETREATS

RETREAT DAY:

The Challenges of Change and Healing
Tuesday, February 28 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

LENTEN RETREAT DAY A:

The Paschal Mystery-The Real Meaning
of Sacred Heart Devotion and
God's Unconditional Love

-Saturday, February 25 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

-Saturday, March 18 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

LENTEN RETREAT THEME B:

LENT- A 40 Day Preparation Retreat For
The Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows

-Saturday, March 4 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

-Saturday, March 25 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

All retreats are located at Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center (194 Candlewood Rd Higganum, CT 06441) and will be given by Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. A donation of \$35 is asked which includes a continental breakfast and a full lunch. Reservations are necessary. We are limited in the number we can accommodate; and registration is done on a first come first serve basis. Call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102 or email ljsmith@ascjus.org. For further information and details about the themes of each retreat please check our website at www.sacredheartontheLake.org.

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 Katharine Drexel 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 Katharine Drexel 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 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. Katharine Drexel Parish. Scholarship application that contain all of the requirement needed to apply may be obtained at the Saint Katharine Drexel 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.

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 with regard to 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 Archdioceses of Hartford.

BEST WISHES to CARI CODINO!!

Cari Codino, a member of our front office admin staff, has accepted a full-time position in Graphic Design, which is her degree field. Cari came to us from Divine Providence and was an enthusiastic member of our team.

We wish Cari great success in her new endeavor!

BINGO

Monday Evenings

St Jerome Church Hall

1010 Slater Rd., New Britain

Doors open at 5pm

Games begin at 6:30pm

Sunday Afternoons

St. Joseph School

195 South Main St., New Britain

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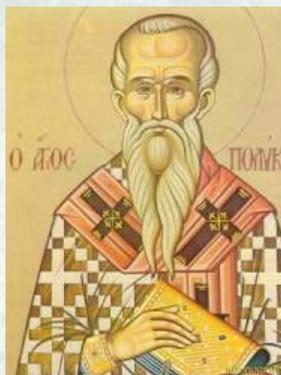
Games begin at 2pm

Q&A

At What Time Does Lent Begin?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Canon law considers a day to run from midnight to midnight (can. 202 §1). That would mean that Lent begins at 12 a.m. on Ash Wednesday.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/at-what-time-does-lent-begin>



Saint Polycarp Bishop and Martyr

Invoked against earaches and dysentery
c. 65–c. 155 (or 166)

Imagine learning about Christ from someone who knew Jesus personally. This is the blessing today's saint enjoyed. Saint Polycarp came to know Jesus through the preaching of Saint John the Apostle, the beloved disciple of our Lord. It is believed that Saint John ordained Polycarp a bishop and sent him to the town of Smyrna, Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Polycarp might have been only a teenager when he was ordained, and he shepherded the Church in Smyrna for more than sixty or seventy years.

As a bishop, Polycarp was a fierce and courageous defender of the faith, especially against early heresies. He also worked closely with other bishops in the early Church, including the pope. Though Polycarp collaborated with the pope and other bishops, he was quite harsh with heretics. For example, a heretic named Marcion taught that there were two gods, the Old Testament God and the New Testament God. One day Polycarp encountered Marcion in Rome. Marcion was surprised that Polycarp knew about his teaching and asked, “Do you know me, Polycarp?” Polycarp replied, “Yes, I know you to be the firstborn of the devil!”

Polycarp is perhaps best known for his martyrdom, which is the second earliest written detailed account of a martyr's death, the first being the account of Saint Stephen's in the Acts of the Apostles. According to that account, when the Roman authorities sought to arrest Polycarp, he at first hid for a week at the encouragement of some of his followers. Eventually, he was found but before he was arrested, he asked for an hour to pray and prepare himself. He was then brought before the proconsul in an arena filled with spectators. The proconsul called him an atheist because he rejected the gods of the Roman Empire. He then promised Polycarp would live if he rejected Christianity. The Romans found it more effective to convince Christians to blaspheme Christ than to martyr them. The proconsul threatened him with wild beasts, but Polycarp responded, “Eighty and six years have I served him, and in nothing has he wronged me. How, then, can I blaspheme my King, who saved me?”

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/february-23-saint-polycarp-bishop-and-martyr/>

AA Meetings

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St. Francis Church basement

Fridays at 7pm

St. Joseph School

(Spanish speaking group)

Saturdays at 7pm

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St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Cereal

Peanut Butter

*Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Instant Oatmeal

Jelly

*Canned soups

*Canned Fruit

Canned Vegetable

Canned Meat/Tuna

Instant Potato and Rice Mixes

*Ramen Noodles

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