



# ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC

## 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all love and mercy, Your gifts to us are beyond counting. Your love for us cannot be measured. Grant that our efforts to carry out the mission of the Church, and to make a difference in the lives of our brother and sisters in need, may unite us more closely as one family of faith.

May the 2024 Annual Appeal - Do This in Memory of Me - inspire us to live the gift of the Eucharist we receive, and to share all that we are, and all that we have, in imitation of Christ your beloved Son. May what we offer be a true act of faith and a sign of our love for You and our neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Second Sunday of Lent*

February 25, 2024

# Welcome to our Parish



**Pastor**  
Rev. Michael Casey

**Parochial Vicar**  
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

**Deacon**  
Alan Bielawski

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## 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 18, 2024: \$10,698.60

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of

February 18, 2024: 663

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## In Loving Memory we pray for

Francis Punt  
Leroy Dorbuck  
Donald Dalena

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 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

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

**Monday, February 26**

**8:00 am:** Pro Populo

**Tuesday, February 27**

**8:00 am:** +Francesco & Lucia Carlozzi

**Wednesday, February 28**

**8:00 am:** Special Intention

**Thursday, February 29**

**8:00 am:** +Joan Turek

**Friday, March 1**

**8:00 am:** Special Intention

**Saturday, March 2**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** Sanctification of the Bishop & priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

**4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Norma Sanchez

**Sunday, March 3**

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

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Maryellen Kindelan

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

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** +Eugenio, Gino & Giuseppe Ricciardi, & Salvatore Petrillo

*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.



ASH WEDNESDAY  
&  
RITE OF ELECTION



## 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.**

## First Friday & First Saturday

### First Friday:

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **Friday March 1st** 5:00 pm to 8:00 am Saturday at St. Francis

### First Saturday:

Join us for the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet for the Sanctification of the priests and bishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford, **Saturday March 2nd**, 7:00 am (before the 8:00 am Mass) at St. Francis

## The Resurrection of Jesus: Our Hope for Eternal Life *by Monsignor Frank Matera*

During Lent we are preparing to celebrate the Lord's resurrection. But what does it mean to confess that God raised Jesus from the dead? What do we believe when we say that we believe in the resurrection of the dead? What kind of life will we experience after death? In this four-part series, Monsignor Matera examines what Saint Paul teaches about the resurrection of Christ and our hope for eternal life. **All sessions will be held Monday evening, at Saint Francis School, 6:30 pm.**

### March 4: God Raised Christ From The Dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-34)

Faith in the resurrection of Christ is at the heart of the gospel. By confessing that God raised Jesus from the dead, we are also confessing our hope that God will raise our mortal bodies into resurrection life as well.

### March 11: The Resurrection Body (1 Corinthians 15:35-58)

We will be raised bodily. It is not just our soul that will be saved, it is our body as well as our soul. We will enjoy what Saint Paul calls "a spiritual body," a body made alive by the power of God's Spirit.

### March 18: We Are Being Renewed Day By Day (2 Corinthians 4:7—5:10)

The sufferings and afflictions we experience in this life are preparing us for resurrection life. Although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed and prepared for the risen body we will receive after death.

### March 25: We Have Been Raised With Christ And Seated At God's Right (Ephesians 1:15—2:10)

Resurrection life is a present as well as a future reality. Since we have the gift of the Spirit, we already share in Christ's resurrection. We have been raised up in Christ and seated with him at God's right.

## Stations of the Cross

*Every Friday During Lent (except Good Friday)*

12:00 pm

St. Jerome

6:00 pm

St. Francis

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

## Ladies Guild Meeting

The next Ladies Guild Meeting is **Tuesday March 12th, 12:30 pm at St. Francis Church**. Deacon Al will lead us in the Stations of the Cross, followed by a light lunch of soup and bread in the school cafeteria. All parishioners are welcome to attend!

## 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

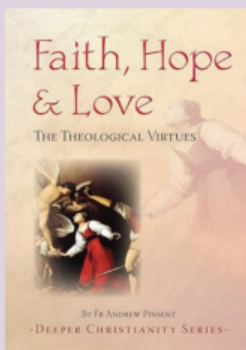
Join Bishop Barron on his journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people! You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. 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)*

### Faith, Hope & Love



*Author:*  
*Fr. Andrew Pinsent*

What is a good human being and who is good? Has anyone ever been perfect? How does one grow in goodness and become perfect? What is man really? What would we be like if human nature could ever be brought to perfection? This book is an attempt to answer these questions by examining the meaning of virtue following the coming of Christ, or the 'Christian Revolution' of virtue ethics, particularly in regard to the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity.

### Question of the Week

#### *What is the Rite of Election?*

The Rite of Election is a ceremony in which non-baptized people hoping to become members of the Catholic Church, known as Catechumens, are presented publicly as being ready to become Christians! Those who have been baptized but haven't yet received all of their sacraments (namely, Confirmation and/or First Communion) are known as "candidates" and are also present during the Rite of Election ceremony. This special ceremony happens annually on the first Sunday of the Lent and is a wonderful event for the Church at large, as it reminds us all that Jesus Christ is always eager to grow His Church and expand the family of God.

## 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!*

## 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 regarding 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 Archdiocese of Hartford.

## 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

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