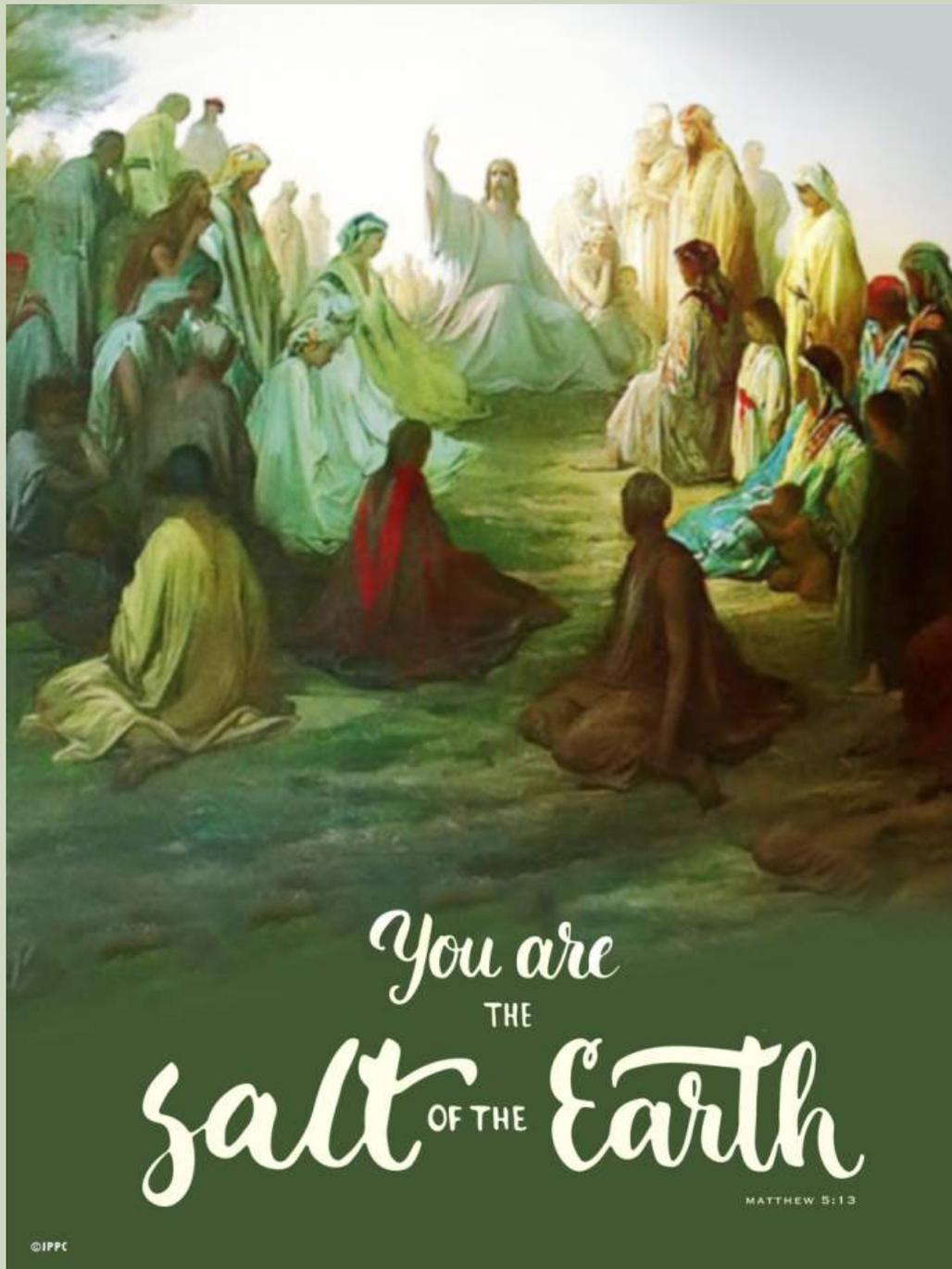


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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 5, 2023



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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. 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

January 30, 2023: \$9,514.56  
This amount includes the basket,  
mail in and online donations.

**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of January 30, 2023: 676**  
Thank you to all who support our parish.

### **2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program Benefits Divine Providence Parish Ministries**

In late December 2022, Divine Providence Parish received a check in the amount of \$7,345 from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program. This check was to support the meals for the homeless at St. Peter as well as the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Both ministries address the needs of the food insecure in the Greater New Britain area.

Since 1981, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has been able to assist thousands in the Archdiocese of Hartford with health care, education, housing, emergency expenses, and numerous other areas. It is through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program and the generosity of its donors that the Appeal is able to assist a wide array of community-based charities throughout Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties.

The Kick Off for the 2023 Annual Archbishop's Appeal is the weekend of February 25th & 26th. Please be generous in your support of the Appeal!

### **NBCCW Scholarship**

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women is pleased to offer two, \$1,000 scholarships to either 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic High School or high school seniors planning to attend college. The Council is only accepting digital applications and these can be obtained by emailing a request to [nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com](mailto:nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com) or requesting a digital copy from your parish office. The deadline for submission is May 5th.



**Saturday, February 4**  
**8am: St. Francis: Special Intention**  
**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Dorothy Dube**

**Sunday, February 5**  
**8:00 am: St. Francis: +Jean Ann Scaduto**  
**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Angelina Fiscaro**  
**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Normand Norbert, jr.**  
**11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Lucy Donovan**

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

**Monday, February 6**  
**8:00 am: Pro Populo**  
**6:00 pm: Special Intention**

**Tuesday, February 7**  
**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**  
**6:00 pm: Special Intention**

**Wednesday, February 8**  
**8:00 am: +Francis Roberge**  
**6:00 pm: Special Intention**

**Thursday, February 9**  
**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**  
**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Friday, February 10**  
**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**  
**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Saturday, February 11**  
**8am: St. Francis: Special Intention**  
**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Teresa Glowina**

**Sunday, February 12**  
**8:00 am: St. Francis: +Carmella and Joseph Lauria**  
**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Rosa Anna Airo**  
**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Norman and Mary Roy**  
**11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Paul, Lucy and Robert  
Esbaner**

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

## Photo of the Week



Optimal Work Conference



## BINGO

Monday Evenings  
**St Jerome Church Hall**  
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Doors open at 5pm  
Games begin at 6:30pm

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Sunday Afternoons  
**St. Joseph School**  
195 South Main St., New Britain  
Doors open at 11:30am  
Games begin at 2pm

## Optimal Work

On Monday, January 30th, Fr. Gutierrez and I were able to participate in a one day kickoff of Optimal Work offered to the priests of the Archdiocese. Optimal Work is a program which aims to help working people engage the challenges of their work in a way that ultimately serves one's highest ideals, such as holiness, service, and love. The presenter was one of the co-founders of Optimal Work, Rashad Badr, who spoke to the assembled priests about the underlying psychological and neurological science of attitude, attention, and action when we work.

The three main elements of the program are to be aware of our attitude to work through reframing, where we can see how any challenge or time of work can be an opportunity to grow in some form of virtue or service.

Once a challenge is positively appraised, we want to pour the totality of our attention into it through mindfulness, which is nothing more than being 100% present to the task at hand. Finally, we can seek to challenge ourselves in each hour of work so that we are not working aimlessly, but rather working for a specific quality goal.

This is a very brief summary of what was a full day presentation. The priests who participated will now be participating in a year long online masterclass to help solidify and practice many of the elements from the presentation. If you'd like to learn more, please visit <https://www.optimalwork.com> or check out their podcast, The Golden Hour, on whichever platform you prefer.

## Q&A

### How Are We Priests, Prophets, and Kings?

The baptized serve as priests through their sacrificial efforts to bring people to God. They serve as prophets through their witness to the truth in word and deed. And they serve as kings in their efforts to lead others—again through word and deed—to use their talents to advance the Kingdom of God (see CCC 1241).

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/how-are-we-priests-prophets-and-kings>

## 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](mailto:ljsmith@ascjus.org). For further information and details about the themes of each retreat please check our website at [www.sacredheartonthelake.org](http://www.sacredheartonthelake.org).

## 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 Ready 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.

## 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](mailto:lisa@stfranciscatholic.org).

**It is extremely important that all requirements and deadlines contained in the application process be met in a timely matter.** 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.



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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.



## THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION

The Bible Timeline study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture.

In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

Through its 24 sessions, The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life. Sessions are offered on Monday at 6:30PM at St. Francis School Cafeteria.



## Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest

Patron Saint of orphans and abandoned children  
1486–1537

Jerome was born into an upper-class ruling family in Venice. When he was a teenager, Jerome joined the military, as was common in his family. While in the military, Jerome became more ambitious about obtaining honors than growing in virtue. His ambitions were realized as he was honored with promotions in rank. At the age of twenty-five, he participated in the War of the League of Cambrai and was given command of the fortress of Castelnuovo, just west of Venice. In 1511, after many of his soldiers abandoned him, he and three others were captured and imprisoned.

At first, Jerome perceived his capture as a defeat, but it would be the beginning of his lasting victory in Christ. While chained from head to foot and imprisoned, Jerome had time to reflect upon his life. Though his imprisonment lasted only a month, it was a powerful and transforming month. He returned to the faith of his youth, opened his heart to Christ, and especially turned to the intercession of the Mother of God. He vowed to her that if she were to set him free, he would change his life and devote himself to the will of God. And that's what happened, to an extraordinary degree. In 1518 he was ordained a priest.

By the year 1526, Father Jerome's mother and two of his brothers had died, leaving him to care for one of his brother's orphaned sons. By then, Father Jerome had a heart for charity; just like his imprisonment, this tragedy became the beginning of his future calling to care for abandoned and orphaned children. In 1528, a severe famine and plague struck Venice, and Father Jerome began to care for other orphans, providing for them out of his own means. He was a man energized by love and tireless in his care of the poor, abandoned, sick, and orphaned. He even took care of those who had died by ensuring their proper burial. In 1532, Father Jerome moved to Somasca, a city between Venice and Milan, and with two other priests, founded the "Company of the Servants of the Poor" (later called the Order of the Somascan Fathers).

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/february-8-saint-jerome-emiliani-priest/>

## AA Meetings

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St. Joseph School

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## St. Joseph's Food Pantry

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