

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



Seek Conference 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2023



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195 South Main St.
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**Holy Apostles Parish at
St. John the Evangelist Church**

655 East St.
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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

1010 Slater Rd.
New Britain, CT 06053

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 1, 2023: \$12,607.82
This amount includes the basket,
mail in and online donations.

**Mass Attendance for the weekend
of January 1, 2023: 545**

January 8, 2023: \$14,404.55
This amount includes the basket,
mail in and online donations.

**Mass Attendance for the weekend
of January 8, 2023: 648**
Thank you to all who support our parish.

**The office will be
Closed 1/16/2023
in Observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

2022 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2022 donations to the Parishes will
be provided as follows:

If you use an online giving platform—Tithely, Parish
Giving, or OSV—you will be sent your 2022 tax
statement automatically by the giving website, via the
email you provided when you registered as a user. You
can also sign on to your account to get a tax statement.

If you use the envelope system and need a 2022 tax
statement, call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 or
email lisa@stfranciscatholic.org to request a tax
statement. Please provide your name, phone number
(in case we have questions), and which of the four
Parishes you are registered with. **PLEASE NOTE:**
Statements will be sent by request only, and are not
being automatically sent out to the entire 4 databases.

Most people use one form of donation, either
envelopes or online. If you have done a combination of
methods during the year—envelopes and online giving
—the systems do not consolidate. You will need to
receive a tax statement from each form.



Saturday, January 14

8am: St. Francis: Special Intention

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Barbara Bacon

Sunday, January 15

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Emiliano Equina

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Helen T. Dougherty

**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Elizabeth Laurence and
David Fredrick**

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Joseph Danko

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, January 16

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: +Maria Esther Ojeda

Tuesday, January 17

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 am: +Madeleine St. Cyr

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, January 19

8:00 am: +Georgianna Lizzotte

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, January 20

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: +Will Hodges

Saturday, January 21

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Jason Bessoni

Sunday, January 22

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Ann Cauffman

**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Sebatiano, Josephine and
Elizabeth Giarratana**

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Juanita Laccetti

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Suzzane Cenot

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

Q&A Catholics and Civil Marriage

Catholics are required to be married in a church or chapel by Catholic clergy (canon 1108 §1). If two Catholics were civilly married outside the Church then the marriage would be invalid.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/catholics-and-civil-marriage>

Important Parking Notice

The public parking lot across from St. Francis Church will be closed until summer due to the city's long awaited dredging of the pond. This will make Mass parking significantly more difficult. Please obey all laws when parking on public streets and leave a little extra time when you attend Sunday Mass at St. Francis.



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 starting January 9th at St. Francis School Cafeteria.



Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Patron Saint of those seeking chastity and purity, and engaged couples.

c. 291–c. 304

Only the names of the earliest saints and martyrs are embedded in the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. Saint Agnes is among those listed (Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, etc...) Devotion to Agnes as both Virgin and Martyr is of ancient origin and is specifically mentioned by 4th century writers, including

Pope Damasus. A basilica was built during the reign of Constantine himself over the catacombs where St. Agnes' relics were deposited. A later structure, with an ancient mosaic showing St. Agnes, is still an active church on that exact site today. The mobs of tourists and pilgrims who crowd the eternal city today, and who shuffle through Piazza Navona, may not realize that they are walking by the very site where Agnes was martyred. The beautiful Baroque Church of St. Agnes on Piazza Navona reminds the discerning pilgrim that our saint met her death at that exact spot.

Agnes was of a tender age when she was killed. She was just a girl. Tradition says that she was beautiful and wanted to dedicate her virginity to the Lord, despite numerous suitors desirous of her beauty. She was killed, then, both for her faith and for her steadfastness in refusing to violate her vow of chastity. It was a double martyrdom, made all the sweeter because of her youth. With poetic license and rhetorical power, St. Ambrose imagines St. Agnes' final moments: "You could see fear in the eyes of the executioner, as if he were the one condemned; his right hand trembled; his face grew pale as he saw the girl's peril; while she had no fear for herself. One victim, but a twin martyrdom, to modesty and to religion. Agnes preserved her virginity, and gained a martyr's crown."

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-21-st-agnes-virgin-martyr/>

From Fr. Casey

The week of January 2nd-6th, I was very blessed to travel with Fr. Gutierrez, a number of our students, and the Focus Missionaries to the SEEK 23 Conference in St. Louis. SEEK is the annual conference hosted by Focus, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. As many of you know, we have four Focus Missionaries serving at CCSU who do great work with our students and are a joy to have as part of our community.

Over the course of the 5 day conference, we heard from numerous speakers including Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Edward Sri, Sr. Bethany Madonna SV, and many others who shared beautiful testimonies and encouragement in living the Christian life. Our students attended additional “impact sessions” and men’s and women’s sessions from which they took many lessons. Further, the conference was attended by over 17,000 people, many of them college students! It was a huge blessing to be with so many people each seeking Jesus in their own way. We even had a special appearance by Jonathan Roumie who plays Jesus in the streaming series, The Chosen!

Personally, one of the most moving moments for me at SEEK was the experience of hearing confessions on Wednesday night. Over 3,500 people came to confession that night, but it was no problem since more than 550 priests were gathered to hear these confessions! It was personally very moving to be surrounded by so many priests ready, willing, and able to bring God’s mercy to these students experiencing conversion.

Whenever we have these special moments of grace, these times of feeling closer to God, more energized in his service, and supported by our brothers and sisters in Christ, it is important to reapply it to our daily life back home. We cannot stay on the mountain top forever, but we can take a few practical lessons with us when we return home. I have a few things I will continue to try to keep working on in my life and ministry and from the testimonies I’ve already heard, I’m confident our students will have similar resolutions. If we follow through on these, the Gospel message will spread in a new way in our hearts, in our parish, and on the campus of CCSU in the weeks and months to come!

Please be aware that there will be a **Second Collection** on the weekend of January 21 and 22 for the Archdiocese Catholic High Schools.

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
Doors open at 11:30am
Games begin at 2pm

Pastoral Care Ministry

We are most eager to help anyone who is unable to join us at Mass because of illness, handicap or age. Any parishioner in need of anointing of the sick or sacramental care at, assisted living, hospital or care facility, please call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 and we will be happy to arrange a visit.



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.

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!



Photos of the Week



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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.



Has your marriage become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring? Are you thinking of divorce or separation? The Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to improve communication, better resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. For information: call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.com

AA Meetings

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Fridays at 7pm
St. Joseph School
(Spanish speaking group)
Saturdays at 7pm
St. Jerome Church Hall



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