



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC



CCSU Students and FOCUS Missionaries attend the 2024 National March for Life in Washington D.C.

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 28, 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**

**Tel: 860-224-2411
Fax: 860-224-6838**

**Email: parishoffice@stfranciscatholic.org
www.stfranciscatholic.org**

Online Giving

Visit 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. 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

January 14, 2024: \$12,408.89

January 21, 2024: \$9,544.26

Catholic High School Collection: \$2,380

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of

January 14, 2024: 677

January 21, 2024: 647

In Loving Memory we pray for

Peregrina Tuanama

Lillian Smith

Anthony Davila

Bernard Gaffney

Fernando Ferrer

Francis Gialluca

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.abcwomanscenter.org

Catholic Biblical School Open House

Between January 22 - 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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 27

8:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Tom Trainer

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Anne Gurr

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Joseph F. Crowley

10:00 am: St. Francis: Deceased Members of the Doyle Family

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Anne Gurr

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, January 29

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 am: Special Intention

Thursday, February 1

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, February 2

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, February 3

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Steven Buslewicz

Sunday, February 4

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Franciszek Szczesniak

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Angelina Fiscaro

10:00 am: St. Francis: Holy Souls in Purgatory

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Ruth DeCelles El Eris

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

IMPORTANT: 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.

MARCH *for* LIFE



CCSU Students and FOCUS Missionaries attend the 2024 National March for Life in Washington D.C.

St. Francis Parish Life



Baptism of Domenic Thomas Mutone at St. Francis

Palm Collection

We will be collecting old palms through **Sunday February 11**. You may leave them in the designated boxes in the entrances of St. Francis, St. Jerome or St. Joseph Churches.



Stations of the Cross

*Every Friday
During Lent
(except Good Friday)*

12:00 pm
St. Jerome

6:00 pm
St. Francis

Ash Wednesday Schedule

February 14, 2024

6:30 am Prayer service with ashes
St. Francis

8:00 am Mass with ashes
St. Francis

12:00 pm Mass with ashes
St. Jerome

12:00 pm Prayer service with ashes
St. Peter

2:00 pm ashes on Campus
Central Connecticut State University

6:00 pm Mass with ashes
St. Francis

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.

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.**

First Friday & First Saturday

First Friday:

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday February 2nd

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 February 3rd

7:00 am (before the 8:00 am Mass) at St. Francis

Faith Formation: Meet Our Teachers!



My name is Marcelina Halas, and I teach grades 3-5. My favorite Bible verse is Matthew 6:25-33, in which God reminds us of our unique worth by pointing to

the fact that even the birds and the flowers are under His care. Whenever I am feeling anxious or hopeless, I look to this verse for reassurance of God's loving plan for us, since we are infinitely more valuable to Him than the rest of creation.

Questions? Reach out! Contact our Director of Faith Formation Karyl Beloin at (860) 224-2411 or karyl@stfranciscatholic.org

QUESTION OF THE WEEK SERIES: CAMPUS MINISTRY Part 3: What does FOCUS do on campus?

FOCUS helps community, holiness, and doctrine. FOCUS is present on campus helping students go to different events and bible studies. Specifically helping train student leaders to share the gospel on campus to their peers.

New Adult Faith Formation Video Series: The Pivotal Players, Volume 1

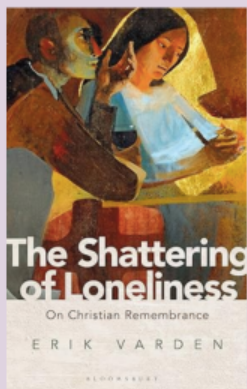
Join Bishop Barron on his journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people! You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St.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

The Shattering of Loneliness



Author: Erik Varden

A fundamental statement of Christianity is to convict the voice of lying that whispers "you are irredeemably alone". Christianity unfolds with the certainty that the source of all that is, is a personal reality of communion, no metaphysical abstraction. When our souls and bodies cry out for Another, it isn't a sign of sickness, but of health. This book examines six facets of Christian remembrance, combining biblical exegesis with literature. It aims to be an essay in theology yet proposes a grounded reflection on what it means to be human.

Tax Statements

Tax statements for 2023 envelope donations available upon request. Please contact the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 to request one.

Music Ministry

Ordinary Time is a great time to join the choir! Rehearsals are **Thursdays 6:45-8:30 pm** at St. Francis. Sing once per weekend at different Mass times around the Parish - no previous choral experience necessary! Contact Elizabeth Famularo, Director of Music, for more information: (860) 224-2411 ext 104 or elizabeth@stfranciscatholic.org

Food Pantry Shopping List

Tuesdays at St. Joseph 9:30 am - 10:30

The item needed this week is:

- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Canned Soup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- 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!

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

Join St. Francis of Assisi Parish on a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France!

Led by Fr. Eduar Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar

April 8–17, 2024

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For more information, contact Peter's Way Tours

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Scan the QR code or start on the Registration Page: 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

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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