

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



Crossroads for Christ

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 29, 2023



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### **Divine Providence Parish at St. Joseph Church**

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.  
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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 22, 2023: \$9,710.89**  
This amount includes the basket,  
mail in and online donations.

**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of January 22, 2023: 674**  
**Archdiocese Catholic High School  
Collection: \$2,563.00**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

## 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  
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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](mailto: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.

## 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.



**Saturday, January 28**

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

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Keith and Kathy Beliveau**

**Sunday, January 29**

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

**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Frank and Lena Gombotz and  
Joseph Kulasenski Family**

**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Jesse Skorski**

**11:30 am: St. Jerome: +William Mackiewicz**

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

**Monday, January 30**

**8:00 am: Pro Populo**

**6:00 pm: +Mark Nehrbas**

**Tuesday, January 31**

**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**

**6:00 pm: +Special Intention**

**Wednesday, February 1**

**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**

**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Thursday, February 2**

**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**

**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Friday, February 3**

**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**

**6:00 pm: +Phil Seretti**

**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**

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

## 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.

## February 2nd: The Presentation

On Wednesday of this upcoming week we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

This feast, which we contemplate every time we pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, commemorates the day when Mary and Joseph brought the 40 day old Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. In a special way, when I pray this mystery of the Rosary, I reflect upon the need that we have to bring our personal piety into the larger life of the religious community.

In this scene Mary and Joseph have cared for Jesus and spent these first weeks with him after his birth, but now they must still fulfill the precepts of that law "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord" (Luke 2:23). This for me is always a wonderful reminder that our personal relationship with Christ and our life of prayer should never be opposed to the life of the institutional church. In our day there is no shortage of those who are willing to set up themselves and their piety as a standard by which the Church should be judged.

This is not in keeping with the Gospel. Rather, the model our Lady and our Lord give us is one of humility, where they follow the customs of the law even though they could have held themselves exempt. We should follow their example. It is necessary to foster personal piety and a personal relationship with Jesus, but this can never take place outside of the Church or in a way that is opposed to her life of worship. This week when we celebrate the presentation, and every time we pray this mystery of the Rosary, we should ask for the grace to bring our personal relationship with Jesus into the fullness of the Church community.



Ann S. Noreika  
Gerard J. Probulis  
Kenneth J. Cyr



## 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.

## 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!



## Saint John Bosco, Priest—Memorial

Patron Saint of apprentices, boys, editors,  
laborers, magicians, students.

1815–1888

John Bosco was born into a poor family in northwest Italy in the rural hamlet of Becchi. Until the age of twelve, John spent most of his time trying to support the family by working as a shepherd and farmhand like his father. John began his "ministry" when he was only ten. He would attend the shows of entertainers who performed juggling, magic tricks, and acrobatics. John studied their shows and then attempted to imitate them for other boys, always including prayers within the show and lessons he learned from Sunday sermons. A few years later, John caught the attention of a newly ordained priest and future saint, Father Joseph Cafasso, who saw his intellectual gifts and assisted him with his education. By the time John was twenty, Father Cafasso, with the help of some money from John's mother, helped him enroll in the seminary. After six years of study, at the age of twenty-six, John was ordained a priest.

After ordination, Father John joined his mentor, Father Cafasso, in Turin to continue his studies at the Institute of Saint Francis where Father Cafasso was in charge. The two also engaged in ministry to the poor and imprisoned, cared for girls at a boarding school, and assisted in country parishes. It was in the prisons that Father John became aware of the number of boys who needed help.

Less than a decade later, in 1861, Father John founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales with a priest, seminarians, and a high school boy. The Salesian Order was formally approved by the Vatican in 1869. In 1871 Father John expanded his mission by founding a Salesian religious order of women called the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians to care for girls. Finally, in 1874 he founded the Salesian Cooperators, a lay organization that worked with the male and female Salesian Orders.

## Photos of the Week



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## Q&A

### Whatever Happened to Limbo?

Limbo was never an official teaching of the Church, as The Catholic Encyclopedia, published in the early 1900s, makes clear. But it was a common theological opinion for a good number of years. Limbo describes a place where unbaptized children and those unbaptized persons who had reached the age of reason but had not committed mortal sin would go upon their deaths. It is not heaven yet it is a state of complete natural happiness.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/whatever-happened-to-limbo>

### 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.

## BINGO

Monday Evenings  
**St Jerome Church Hall**  
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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



## 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.

## AA Meetings

Wednesdays at 7pm  
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Fridays at 7pm  
 St. Joseph School  
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Saturdays at 7pm  
 St. Jerome Church Hall



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## St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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 \*Canned soups  
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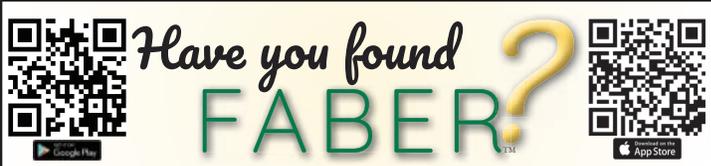
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