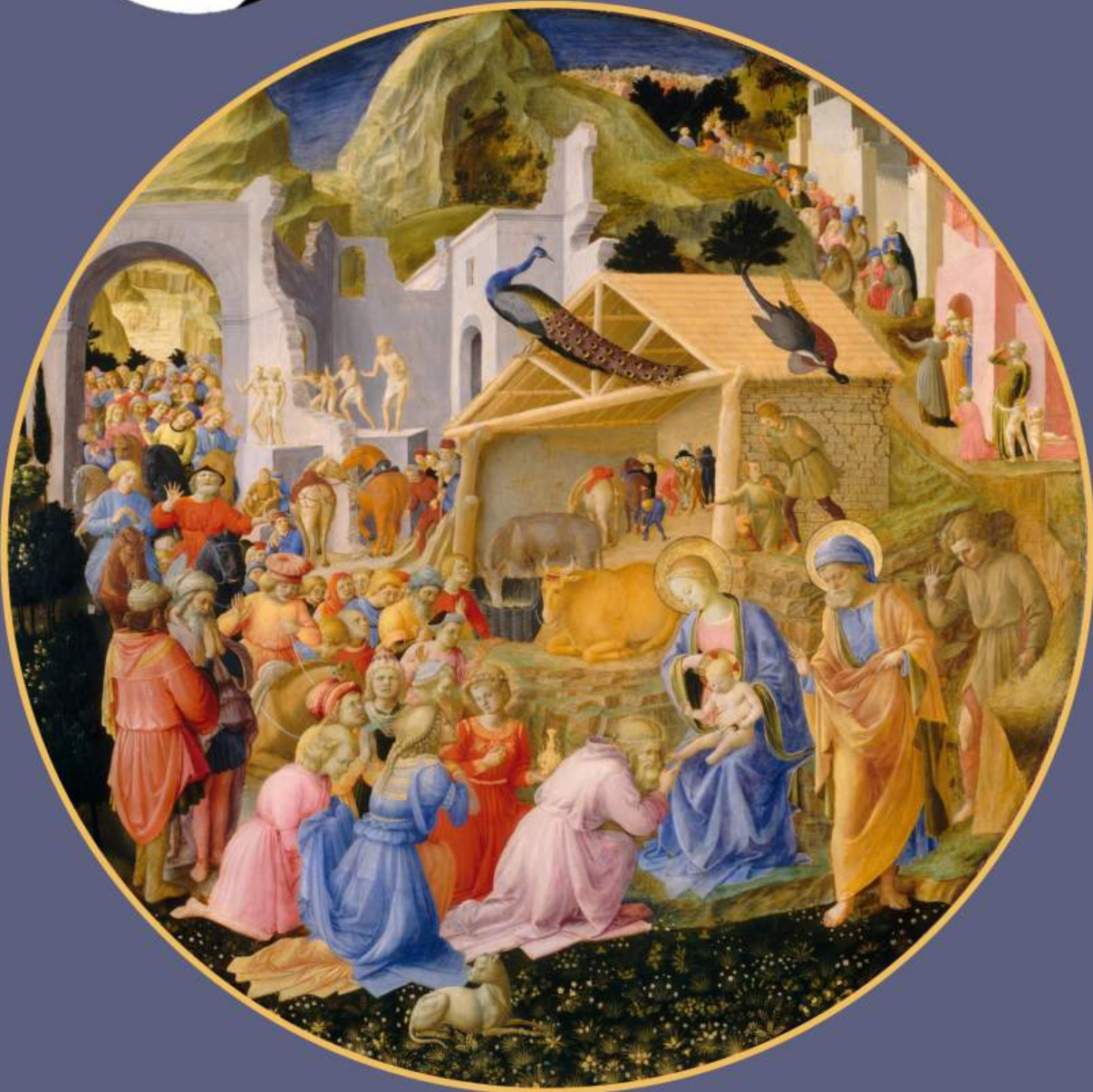




# ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC



*Adoration of the Magi, Fra Angelico & Filippo Lippi, 1440-1460, public domain.*

*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
January 7, 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](mailto:parishoffice@stfranciscatholic.org)  
[www.stfranciscatholic.org](http://www.stfranciscatholic.org)**

## 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 inclement weather, schedule changes or cancellations, 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent: \$13,075.00

Christmas: \$9,589.76

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of

Fourth Sunday of Advent : 586

Christmas: 870

*Due to early publishing deadlines for the holidays, totals will be published once they are available.*

## Baby Bottle Collection

Thank you for your generous support of the November Baby Bottle Drive for the ABC Women's Center, \$3,636.98 was collected!

## In Loving Memory we pray for Homer White

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](http://www.abcwomanscenter.org)

## Calendar Notes

**Parish Office Closed:**

Monday January 15

*for Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 6**

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

**4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Joseph Coelho

**Sunday, January 7**

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

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** Intention of the Celebrant

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** Intention of the Celebrant

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

**Monday, January 8**

**8:00 am:** Pro Populo

**Tuesday, January 9**

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

**Wednesday, January 10**

**8:00 am:** +Visula Rodriguez

**Thursday, January 11**

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

**Friday, January 12**

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

**Saturday, January 13**

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

**4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Bill Gagnon

**Sunday, January 14**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Jesse Skorski

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Angelina Fisicaro

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +Kamil Filipowicz

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** +Lillian Peichert

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

# Parish Life: Photos of the Week



## *Christmas 2023*

Thank you to all our musicians, sacristans, volunteers and parishioners who helped make our Christmas Masses especially beautiful and joy filled!



## Epiphany House Blessing

The blessing is very simple. It involves using blessed chalk to trace **20 + C + M + B + 24** by a family member over the lintel of the main entrance to the home in addition to the prayers below:

### Prayers for the Epiphany House Blessing:

Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.  
Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,  
that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm,  
and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

Using the chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the main entrance:

**20 + C + M + B + 24**

As you inscribe this, you may speak the words “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” or simply say  
“May Christ bless this house”.

*Additional prayers may be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany>*

*Reference: <https://catholic-link.org/how-to-bless-your-home-for-the-feast-of-the-epiphany/>*

## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

**20 + C + M + B + 24**

The numbers represent the current year (2024). The letters represent both the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar) and the phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* which is Latin for “May Christ Bless the House”.

# TO GET STARTED ON HALLOW



Scan the QR code here or start on the Registration Page: [hallow.com/holyday](https://hallow.com/holyday)  
Type in and select "St Francis of Assisi, New Britain CT"

Follow the instructions on the screen

Download the Hallow app from the app store

Log in with the same email address and password you used to create your account on the registration page

## 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 beginning on Monday, January 8 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 Wild Goose



Available on Formed, The Wild Goose series is truly a work of the Holy Spirit from 4PM Media and The Ministry of The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient

Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. Find out more at [formed.org](https://formed.org), [4pmmedia.com](https://4pmmedia.com) and [thewildgooseisloose.com](https://thewildgooseisloose.com).

### Tax Statements

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

### Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be next **Sunday, January 14**, at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Church. Join us for: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a blessing with a 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

## Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed this week is:

- Canned Soup
- Cereal
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit
- 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.*

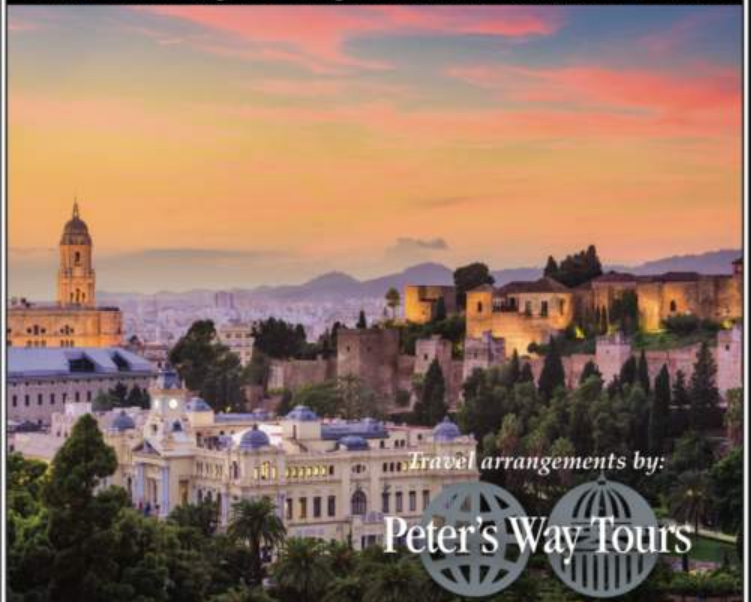
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## Join St. Francis of Assisi Parish on a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France!

*Led by Fr. Eduar Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar*

**April 8–17, 2024**

Fátima ➤ Ávila ➤ Segovia ➤ Zaragoza ➤ Lourdes ➤ Montserrat ➤ Barcelona



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Call: 800-225-7662 Email: peter@petersway.com

## 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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