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Holy Apostles, St. Katharine Drexel
Parishes



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Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 16, 2023



Pastor
Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacon
Alan Bielawski

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Monday-Friday,
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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. 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 and 4pm 860-225-3890.

Divine Providence Parish at St. Joseph Church

195 South Main St.
New Britain, CT 06051

Holy Apostles Parish at St. John the Evangelist Church

655 East St.
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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1755 Stanley St.
New Britain, CT 06053

St. Katharine Drexel Parish at

St. Jerome Church

1010 Slater Rd.
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Summer Schedule In Effect

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

Confessions

7:30-7:50 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis

5pm-6pm Wednesday at St. Francis

3:30-3:50 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

Adoration

5pm-6pm Wednesday at St. Francis

St. John, St. Peter and St. Maurice Churches are no longer used for regular Masses.

July 2, 2023: \$10,805.60
Claretian Mission Appeal: \$3,766.00
This amount includes the basket,
mail in and online donations.

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of July 2, 2023: 607

July 9, 2023: \$11,402.00
Peter's Pence Special Collection: \$2,474.00
This amount includes the basket,
mail in and online donations.

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of July 9, 2023: 625
Thank you to all who support our parish.

**In Loving Memory we pray for
all the recently deceased**
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
let your light shine upon them.*



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www.abcwomenscenter.org

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 15

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Sharron Fekete

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Marie Jones

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Carmela & John Pandolfi

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Stanley & Gregory Cap, and
+Conrad Conforto

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Catherine Salka

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, July 17

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, July 18

8:00 am: +Anton Krein

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 am: +Ryan Dexter

Thursday, July 20

8:00 am: +Charles Winans

Friday, July 21

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, July 22

8am: St. Francis: Special Intention

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Alexander, Margaret & Elaine
Tucciarone, and +Nancy Bannon

Sunday, July 23

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Frank & Orsaline Badolato

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Mildred Brayman

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Daniel Audette

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week




Thank you Fr. Innocent and the Claretian Missions for visiting our parish last weekend!



Wedding of Michael Salerni, Sacristan and President of the Parish Council, and Lorraine Mihaliak at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury. Congratulations to the bride and groom!

16th ANNUAL
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2023 THEME:
THE PRIESTHOOD: GOD'S GIFT & OUR RESPONSIBILITY

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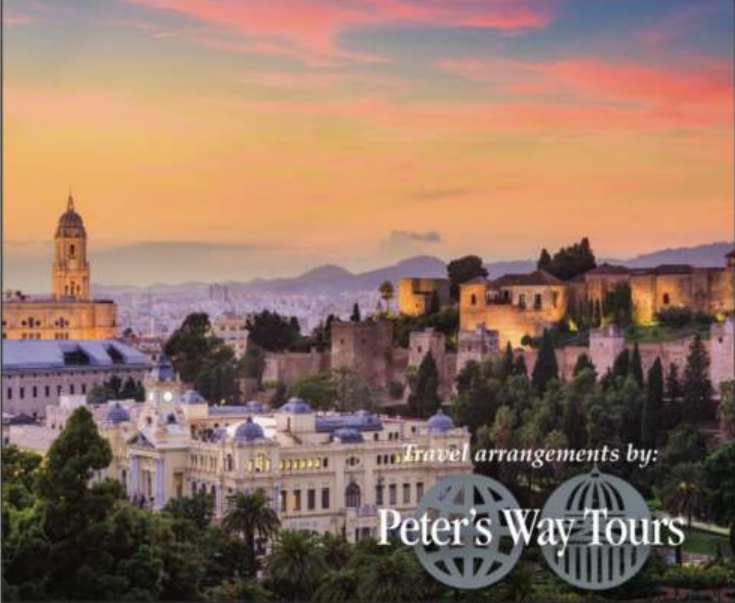
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Question of the Week Series: So, we're getting a new Archbishop?
Part 1: Who is going to be the next Archbishop of our diocese?

On June 26th, Pope Francis named Bishop Christopher Coyne to be the Coadjutor bishop, and next Archbishop of our diocese. Bishop Coyne was born in Massachusetts, attended the University of Lowell, and after working as a bartender for two years entered St. John's Seminary in Massachusetts. He was ordained in 1986 and over the next two decades held many roles, including as parochial vicar and pastor of several parishes, adjunct professor at St. John's Seminary, Director for the Office of Worship and Cabinet Secretary for Communications for the Archdiocese of Boston. In 2011 Pope Benedict XVI named him as the auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, where he served until December 2014 when Pope Francis appointed him as the Bishop of the Diocese of Burlington. He will begin his tenure as Coadjutor Bishop here in Hartford in October 2023.

Final Transition to Parish Giving as our Online Provider

Last spring 2022, we asked all online donors to transition to Parish Giving. The Parish Giving website can be accessed through the DONATE button on the www.stfranciscatholic.org home page, through the QR code found in the pews, or directly at www.parishgiving.org. Parish Giving has proven to be the most accessible, economically attractive online donation provider.



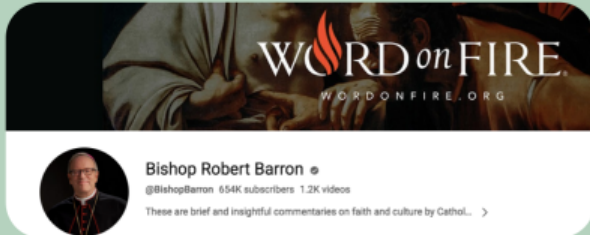
We will be deactivating our parish accounts with Tithely and the Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) online donor programs. Only a very small number of online donors remain giving through those sites. Please be advised that we cannot cancel your donor account with either Tithely or OSV. You need to log in to your account to do so. We are very grateful for your donations & hope you will continue to give online at Parish Giving.

Reason for Hope

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1Peter 3:15)

Word on Fire

Bishop Robert Barron provides the leading digital resource for Catholic media. His YouTube channel, @BishopBarron, produces brief and insightful commentaries on faith & culture that are ideal for Catholics seeking to grow in their faith while engaging with the wider culture.



Organ Update

This week more work was done on the wind lines that will supply air to the chests, and key electronic components responsible for the proper function of each of the 1,100+ individual pipe were wired.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone interested in using their knitting skills to make prayer shawls please contact Lisa at the parish office at (860) 224-2411. The shawls can be knitted as a group or completed independently.

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

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

- *Cereal
- Nut Butter
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Instant Oatmeal
- *Jelly
- *Canned Soups
- *Canned Fruit/Vegetable
- Canned Meat/Tuna
- Instant Potato and Rice Mixes
- Ramen Noodles
- Mac and Cheese
- Snack Items:
 - Cookies, Crackers, etc.
- Monetary donations & gift cards are also accepted.
- Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. In special need of starred(*) items

Choir Summer Session

Have you ever thought about joining the choir? Try out the group during our six week summer session!

Rehearsals are Thursdays
July 13-August 10 from 7-8:30pm

Weekly Masses Sundays July 16-August 13,
rotating Mass times and locations

Please contact Elizabeth Famularo,
Director of Music, for more information:
elizabeth@stfranciscatholic.org

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

BINGO

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

New volunteers are needed to help with
Bingo! Contact Bob Donahue
at 860-225-9458.

Saint Bridget of Sweden, Religious, 1303–1373

Patron Saint of Europe, Sweden, and widows



Bridget was married at the age of thirteen and lived happily with her husband for twenty-eight years, bearing eight children. They were a pious couple, but her husband died while Bridget was only halfway through her life's journey. She spent three years mourning in a Cistercian monastery, where she experienced many spiritual visions. After a particularly powerful vision in 1346, she founded the monastery that would eventually be her burial place. Responding to the words of Jesus, Bridget wanted to reform monastic life by founding a new congregation, the Order of the Most Holy Savior, or the Bridgettines. The Order was based on the Rule of Saint Benedict and was approved by the Pope only near the end of Bridget's life. The Bridgettine Order spread throughout Europe and is found in numerous countries today, due largely to its founder's incredible spiritual visions. Saint Bridget, like Saint Catherine of Siena, labored to convince the popes to return to Rome from Avignon. She invoked the Lord's opinions about the papal exile as He expressed them in her visions. One letter she wrote to the pope was so strongly worded that her envoy refused to read it when he was in the Holy Father's presence. An Italian woman Bridget had become friends with during the Jubilee of 1350 donated a large palace in central Rome to Bridget. Saint Bridget and her sisters established their Roman foundation in that centrally located palace and within its walls Saint Bridget died. A Bridgettine convent occupies the very same building today, and preserves the founder's rooms as well as a relic of Bridget and her saintly daughter.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/july-23---saint-birgitta-religious>

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, it 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, it will teach you how to read and understand the Bible in a way that will transform your life. Sessions are offered on Mondays at 6:30pm at St. Francis School Cafeteria.



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