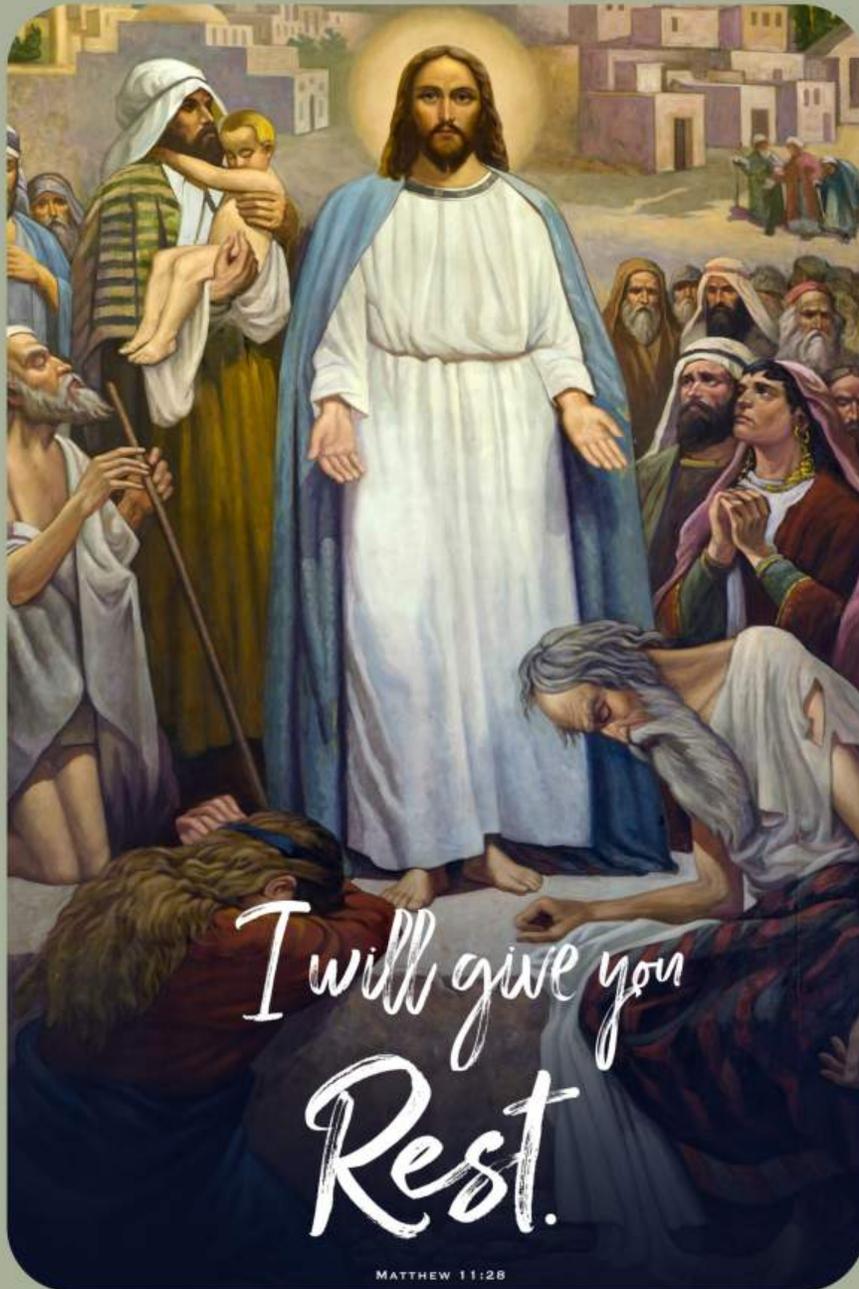


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Parishes



Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 9, 2023



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Prayer Line

In need of Prayers? Please Call Mary M. at our Prayer Line between 2 and 4pm 860-225-3890.

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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.

Due to early publishing deadlines for the Independence Day holiday, the Count and Collections figures and Mass Attendance for July 2, 2023 will be published as soon as they become available

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for:

John J. Cadder, Sr.

Robert J. Seneschal

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
let your light shine upon them.*



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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 8

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Janina Alli

Sunday, July 9

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Rev. Stanley Staron

9:00 am: St. Joseph: Deceased Members of the Taborosi Family

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Michael Hervey

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, July 10

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, July 11

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, July 12

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, July 13

8:00 am: +David Lazicki

Friday, July 14

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

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

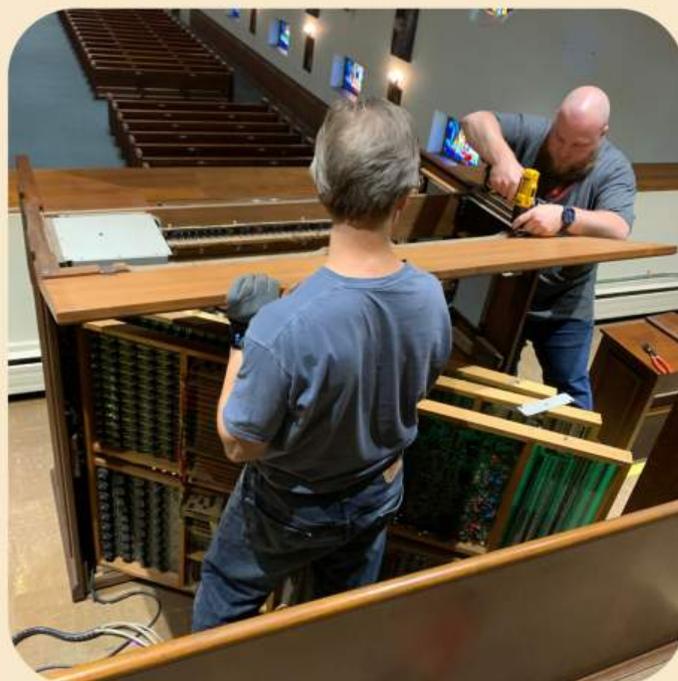
**To Schedule a Mass, please call the Parish office,
located at St. Jerome at 860-224-2411**

Electric Organ Move

As the pipe organ nears completion, we are excited to share an update on the electric organ, which was previously used at St. Jerome and was moved last month to its new home at St. Francis! The Rodgers organ at St. Francis, built in 1986, was stripped down and removed. The newer electric organ, an Allen Renaissance built in 2000, and its speakers were transported across town and hoisted up to the loft. The historic St. Andrew pipe organ will be rebuilt and ready to play at St. Jerome in the coming weeks, with all steps of the three-church organ transition expected to be fully complete soon!



Electric organ being lifted up to St. Francis loft



Breaking down the old organ



Electric organ in its new home at St. Francis

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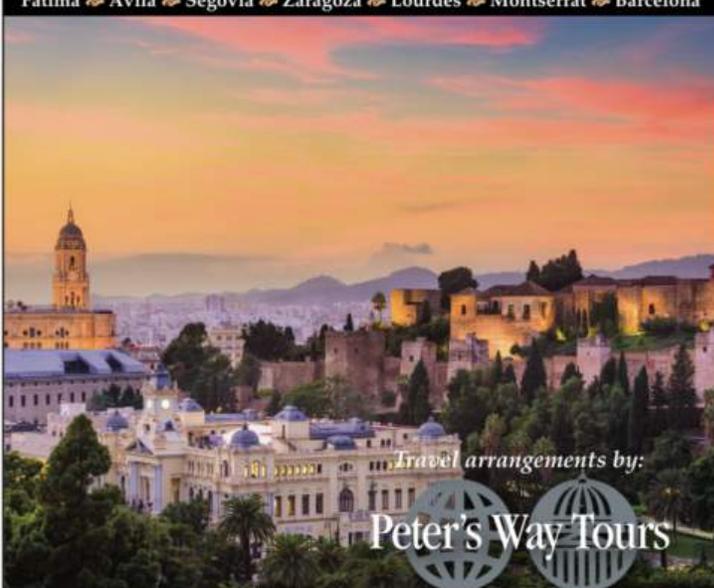
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Choir Summer Session

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

Rehearsals Thursdays July 6-August 10 7-8:30pm

Weekly Masses Sundays July 9-August 13, rotating Mass times and locations

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

Question of the Week

Follow-up to: Do I have to go to Mass on Summer Vacation with my Family?

Part 4: What if I am hiking, on a cruise, or in a remote area without a Church?

We should plan such remote trips around the ability to attend Mass. If someone is hiking the Appalachian Trail, look where there may be churches and make sure to be at such a location by Sunday. For extended trips like cruises, inquire if Mass is offered (some companies do) or if there is a stop in port on Sunday and a Mass opportunity. If these aren't possible or someone is going so remote that there aren't local churches, do not go over a weekend, Mass is more important than such vacations. -Fr. Casey

Reason for Hope

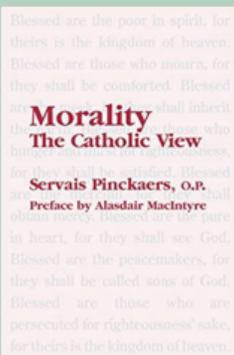
"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1Peter 3:15)

Morality: The Catholic View

Difficulty 3/5

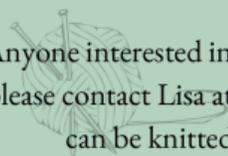
Readers looking to delve deeper into the Catholic view of morality will find a compelling review of moral development, rooted in the theology of St. Paul and the morality of the Gospels. Author Servais Pinckaers thoroughly explores the Catholic Church's understanding of morality, virtue, freedom and more in this engaging book.

Author: Servais Pinckaers Page Count: 141



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

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

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

New Assistant Musician

Please give a warm welcome to our new Assistant Musician Emma Weinheimer, who recently joined our team to provide music at our various worship locations in rotation with our Music Director!

Emma has been an organist since she was fifteen and has served many parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford, beginning at Our Lady Queen of Angels community in Meriden. She graduated from Mount St. Mary's University with a B.A. in Communications, and was the student music director for two years while assisting at a local parish and at St. John Paul II Seminary in DC. Emma is thrilled to have returned to Connecticut and to be at a vibrant, thriving parish.

Welcome, Emma!





Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour

Sunday July 9, 2:00 pm at St. Francis Church:

Join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Investiture of the Brown Scapular and a blessing with a 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor, 1221–1274

Patron Saint of those with intestinal problems



The scholarly heft of Saint Bonaventure legitimized the eccentric Saint Francis of Assisi. He joined the order in 1243, received his doctorate in theology from the University of Paris, and became master of the Franciscan school at Paris in 1253. In 1257, at just 36 years old, he was elected minister general of the entire order. The pressing responsibilities of religious leadership meant he had limited time to read, write, and do research, making the first half of his life his most prolific period of scholarship. But that scholarship was so comprehensive as to be a complete system of thought. He wrote on everything—fundamental theology, the nature of dogma, Scripture and history, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, angels, creation, the virtues—and all of it with a mature spirituality focused on the soul progressing toward God. With this intensely spiritual focus, Bonaventure is said to be more Augustinian in his theology than Aquinas, who is more Aristotelian. The former's goal was to love, the latter's to speculate and to know. Bonaventure's writings on dogma were influential at the Council of Trent. In 1273 Bonaventure was made a Cardinal-Bishop by the Pope. Knowing of this Franciscan's humility and his refusal to accept a previous episcopal appointment, the Pope inserted into his bull an order that Bonaventure could not decline the honor. Bonaventure was in the kitchen washing dishes when the papal envoys arrived with the news. Saint Bonaventure died with his boots on, while participating in and aiding the Pope at the Council of Lyon in 1274. Aquinas had died on the way to the same Council. Bonaventure was canonized in 1482, and declared a doctor of the Church in 1557.

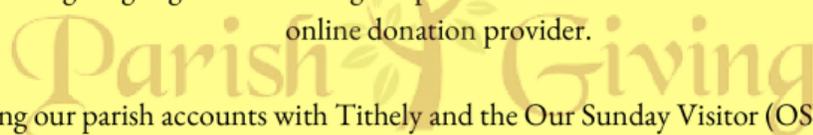
Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/july-15---saint-bonaventure-bishop-and-doctor/>

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.

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 and 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.

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