

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



*Jesus Teaches The People By The Sea, James Tissot, 1894; Public Domain*

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
June 25, 2023



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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](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 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.  
New Britain, CT 06051

### **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

1755 Stanley St.  
New Britain, CT 06053

### **St. Katharine Drexel Parish at**

#### **St. Jerome Church**

1010 Slater Rd.  
New Britain, CT 06053

## **\*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.

**June 18, 2023: \$12,141.56**

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of June 18, 2023: 697**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

**In Loving Memory we pray for:**

Jeffrey Gerard Roden

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



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## 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.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, June 24**

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

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Sharron Fekete

**Sunday, June 25**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Giuseppina Carlozzi

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Marie Parker

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +Marjorie Lazicki

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

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

**Monday, June 26**

**8:00 am:** Pro Populo

**Tuesday, June 27**

**8:00 am:** +Walter Rozam

**Wednesday, June 28**

**8:00 am:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, June 29**

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

**Friday, June 30**

**8:00 am:** +Catherine Salka

**Saturday, July 1**

**8am: St. Francis:** Sanctification of the Bishops and  
Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Marie & William Sanders

**Sunday, July 2**

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

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Miles (Butch) Pokornik

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +Richard Lesniewski

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

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

# Parish Life: Photos of the Week



We are happy to have welcomed the Little Sisters of the Poor at all the Masses last weekend. Please continue to pray for the important work they do!



I want to offer a special word of thank you today to Virginia Osborne. Virginia served as the organist for St. Andrew and St. John, later Holy Apostles Parish, and has been a wonderful part of our team since coming together. Virginia has asked at this time to continue to help us out but on an as needed basis. I'm very grateful for all she has done for our communities. -Fr. Casey

thank you



Baptism of Levi Gilbert at St. Jerome

### Claretian Missions

On the weekend of July 2nd, our parish will host a guest priest from the Claretian Missions in eastern Nigeria:

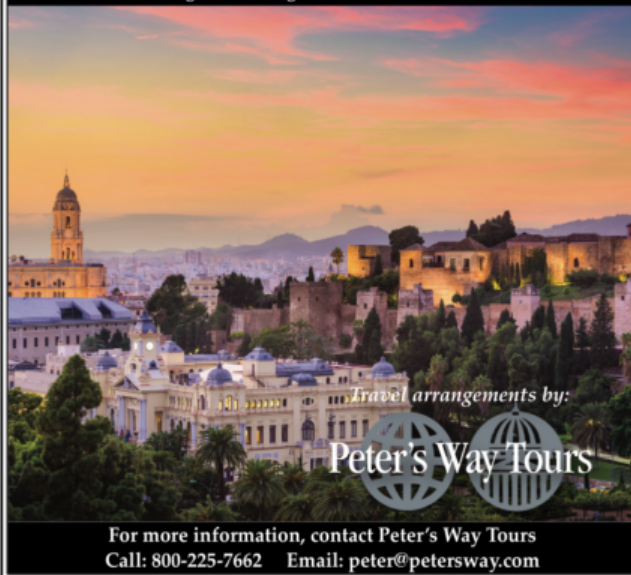
*Founded by St. Anthony Mary Claret, in Spain, in 1849 our Charism in the Church is to preach the Word of God using all possible means. In Nigeria we build and run schools to give quality education to the youths. These schools are necessary because the government neglected this sector for a long time. Our missionaries in Nigeria are also suffering under the militant Islamic group ISIS, where Christians have been killed by bombs during worship. The violence being unleashed has caused fear, displacement, and hunger, but there is still hope of a flourishing faith. The Covid-19 pandemic brought economic and social upheaval, as well as much hunger and death. The Church became the solace of the poor and marginalized. Through your donations we the Claretian Missionaries will carry on with the work of evangelization. God bless you as you help us.*

### 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



### Peter's Pence Special Collection

On the weekend of July 9th, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. **Please note that your envelopes show the collection date as July 2, however, as we have the Claretian Missions here that weekend, we are delaying the Peter's Pence collection by one week.**



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

**Peter's Pence Collection**

*Be a sign of*

**mercy.**

### Question of the Week

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

**What if I'm traveling with non-Catholic family or friends who would be uncomfortable or annoyed by scheduling Sunday Mass?**

Sunday is the most important day of the week for Christians because of Sunday worship. We should gently but firmly stress this importance to our family and friends. If we are close enough to travel together, then they should be willing to respect our religious beliefs and practices. -Fr. Casey

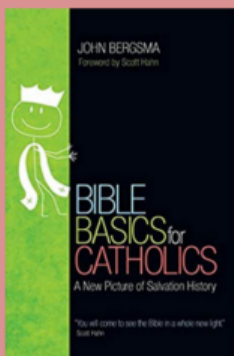
### Praying for our Priests

Think about the greatness of the Holy Priesthood in our Church, about their power to consecrate simple bread into the Body, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the tremendous responsibility of the priests with regard to the eternal destiny of the immortal souls which are entrusted to their care.

Please support our priests in their responsibility through your daily prayers. Please take one of the "Apostolate of Prayer for Priests" calendar located near the bulletins. This calendar designates a specific day to remember particular priests from the Archdioceses of Hartford.

## Reason for Hope

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



### Bible Basics for Catholics

Difficulty 1/5

Dr. John Bergsma presents a very readable introduction to Scripture intended for Catholics who do not know the full picture of biblical history. Readers are offered an accessible vision of salvation history, showing how the Bible points us to the saving life and work of Jesus.

Author: Dr. John Bergsma Page Count: 224

## 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](mailto: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

## Choir Summer Session

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

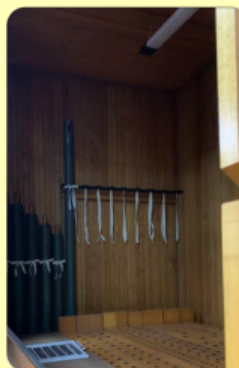
Rehearsals Thursdays July 6-August 10  
7:00-8:30pm

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](mailto:elizabeth@stfranciscatholic.org)

## Organ Building Update

This week reinforcements were completed on the structural casing of the pipe chambers, metal pipes started to be put into place, and major portions of the console (the portion the organist plays) were reassembled.



## Saint Josemaría Escrivá, Priest, 1902–1975

Patron Saint of diabetics



Born in rural Spain, Josemaria Escriva attended seminary and was ordained a priest in 1925. In 1928 he experienced a vision which led him to found Opus Dei, which quickly spread through Christian countries. Opus Dei consists primarily of married lay men and women, as well as some priests or unmarried. In a homily from 1967, Josemaria states his spirituality in clear terms: "...God is calling you to serve Him 'in and from' the ordinary, material, and secular activities of human life. He waits for us every day in the laboratory, in the operating room, in the army barracks, in the university, in the factory, in the workshop, in the fields, in the home and in the immense panorama of work. Understand this well: there is something holy, something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it."

In other words, there is no need for a serious lay Catholic to abandon his work and routine, his family life, or his everyday relationships to fulfill God's will. God is found in and through ordinary life. Cardinal Albino Luciani, later Pope John Paul I, perceptively noted that Saint Josemaria was not teaching a 'spirituality for lay people,' as Francis de Sales taught, but a 'lay spirituality.' It is not a question of praying the rosary while sweeping the floor, or contemplating scripture while driving. It is about "materializing" holiness by converting ordinary, well-done work into a sacrifice and prayer to God. Ordinary work, then, is not just the context, but the raw material, for lay holiness. All jobs are important. Daily life is not a distraction from God's will for us. Daily life is God's will for us. When we get to work we get to God.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/june-26---josemara-escriv-priest---optional-memorial>

## 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](http://www.stfranciscatholic.org) home page, through the QR code found in the pews, or directly at [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org). Parish Giving has proven to be the most accessible and economically attractive online donation provider.

As of **June 30, 2023**, 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. It has become economically unfeasible with service charges and fees to leave these two platforms open for so few donors. Additionally, there is no need to have three different donor platforms, when Parish Giving fulfills the requirement. 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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