

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



Monsignor Matera at St. Francis School Speaking on
The Passion and Death of Jesus According to Matthew and John

Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 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. 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

March 5, 2023: \$ 14,115.21
This amount includes the basket,
mail in and online donations.

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of March 5, 2023: 669
Thank you to all who support our parish.



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Every Friday of Lent
6:30 pm at St. Francis Church



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Presented by (A.M.D.G.)², The Drama Group of Adoro Te.

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Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour

St. Francis Church March 12 at 2:00 pm.
Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Rosary,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Investiture of Brown
Scapular and a blessing of a 1st class
relic of St. Faustina.



Saturday, March 11

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant
4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Veronica Steinbruck

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Maria Hernandez
9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Antonina Fisicaro &
+Sebastiano Filla
10:00 am: St. Francis: +Collin & Truglio Families
11:30 am: St. Jerome: + William Mackiewicz, Jr.

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, March 13

8:00 am: Pro Populo
6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 am: +Lilian & John Bright
6:00 pm: +Clayton Voisine

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
6:00 pm: +Brigette Slavin

Thursday, March 16

8:00 am: Special Intention
6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, March 17

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
6:00 pm: Special Intention

Saturday, March 18

8am: St. Francis: +Joseph Rudnansky
4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Arthur Steinbruck

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant
9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Patrick Hamel
10:00 am: St. Francis: +Barbara Bacon & Dennis Lewis
11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Stephen Gurr

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

2023 PARISH COUNCIL

The newly established 2023 Parish Council representing the four Parishes met on Sunday, March 5th. It was a very productive meeting with a strong sense of cooperation and stewardship. The Council is very excited about the many good things planned going forward. Members of the Parish Council are as follows:



Clergy Members:
 Father Michael Casey
 Deacon Alan Bielawski

Staff Representative Members:
 Karyl Beloin
 Elizabeth Famularo
 James Hunt

Lay Members:

Bryan Anderson Patricia Bedard Carlo Carozzi, Jr. Daniel Ellis Eliza Harris Kathryn King
 Krzysztof Kosiorek Dolores Mihaliak Mary Murphy Wendy Osipowicz Michael Salerni Julia Velazquez

Photo of the Week



Monthly Contemporary Worship between Masses at St. Francis

St. Francis Young Mothers Group

We are a group of faithful Catholic women in our 20s through early 40s, each with children from the age of newborn through 6. Meetings are Wednesdays from 9:30AM-11:30AM in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. We pray a decade of the rosary and moms and kids enjoy good fellowship (and sometimes food!). For more information, contact Rebecca Noon at becca.dworak@gmail.com

Q&A Why Did Adam Eat the Apple?

The simple answer is that the serpent (the devil) persuaded Adam that eating the apple would be to his benefit. Adam would "become like God" if he ate it. Sadly, Adam believed this lie and chose to disobey God who had told him not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This was the first sin and resulted in humanity falling from what we call Original Innocence.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/why-did-adam-eat-the-apple/>

From the Catholic Biblical School



Unlocking the Power of Praying the Psalms

Lenten Scripture Retreat:
 Saturday, March 25th 8:45-2:15pm

For More Information and to Register:



"Become familiar with the Bible so that it can be your compass pointing out the road to follow."
 -- Pope Benedict XVI

Scan here to discover more about the Bible and enroll at the New England Catholic Biblical School.



The Passion and Death of Jesus According to Matthew and John

During Holy Week, we will hear the Passion Narrative twice. On Palm Sunday, we will hear the Passion Narrative according to St. Matthew. Then, on Good Friday, we shall hear the Passion Narrative according to St. John. In this four-part series, Monsignor Frank Matera (who assists us on weekends) will highlight the distinctive way in which each Evangelist presents the story of Jesus' passion and death.

March 13

The Arrest and Trial of Jesus
according to the Gospel of John

March 20

The Crucifixion and Death
of Jesus according to the Gospel of John
Each session will be held at St. Francis School on
Monday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM

Sacred Heart on The Lake Retreat Center 194 Candlewood Rd. Higganum, CT 06441

UPCOMING RETREATS

LENTEN RETREAT DAY A:

The Paschal Mystery-The Real Meaning
of Sacred Heart Devotion and
God's Unconditional Love

-Saturday, March 18 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

LENTEN RETREAT THEME B:

LENT- A 40 Day Preparation Retreat For
The Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows

-Saturday, March 25 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

Presented by Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. A donation of \$35 includes a continental breakfast and full lunch. Reservations are required. Please contact Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102 or email lsmith@ascjus.org. For further information and details about the themes of each retreat please check our website at www.sacredheartonthelake.org

St. Francis Ladies Guild

The next meeting of the St. Francis Ladies Guild will be held on Tuesday, March 14 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. It is our pleasure to have Deacon Alan Bielawski as our guest speaker. Ladies from all 4 parishes are welcome to join. Bring a friend and ideas for future meetings.

NBCCW Scholarship

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women is please 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 by emailing: nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is May 5th.

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.

It is extremely important that all requirements and deadlines contained in the application process be met in a timely manner. 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.



Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor

c. 315–c. 387

Declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1883

Cyril was born in or near the city of Jerusalem around the year 315 A.D. Little is known about his early life, other than that he was well-educated in the Scriptures and philosophy. It is believed that he was ordained a deacon for the Church of Jerusalem around the age of twenty by Saint Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem, who was a staunch opponent of the Arian Heresy. After Macarius died, Saint Maximus, another opponent of Arianism, became Bishop of Jerusalem and ordained Cyril a priest when Cyril was about twenty-eight years old. During his priestly ministry, Cyril became a true shepherd of souls. He was entrusted by Bishop Maximus with the responsibility of assisting him as a preacher and catechist. Cyril preached every Sunday and catechized those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. A set of twenty-four of his catechetical instructions have been preserved and are remarkable for their content and clarity. The lectures begin with a prologue, followed by eighteen lessons that were taught to the catechumens before they were baptized. The lessons explained what they needed to know about baptism, how to change from pagan morals, the meaning of the Creed, and the errors of Arianism. Once baptized, Cyril's last six lessons led the neophytes through a period of mystagogy in which they were taught how to live the new life they received from the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist, as well as lessons on prayer, especially found in the Lord's Prayer. Bishop Maximus either died or was deposed around the year 348, and Cyril was chosen to succeed him. He was ordained a bishop by Archbishop Acacius of Caesarea Maritima, from the metropolitan See just west of Jerusalem. Archbishop Acacius was sympathetic to Arianism, so he and others might have believed that Cyril was also sympathetic to Arianism, which he was not.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/march-18-saint-cyril-of-jerusalem-bishop-and-doctor/>



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Monday Evenings
St Jerome Church Hall
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Games begin at 6:30pm

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

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
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Instant Oatmeal
- *Jelly
- *Canned Soups
- *Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetable
- Canned Meat/Tuna
- Instant Potato and Rice Mixes
- Ramen Noodles
- Mac and Cheese
- Snack Items: Cookies, Crackers, etc.

Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. Thank you for your generosity! In special need of starred(*) items

Parish Craft, Tag & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 6 at

St. Joseph School on Edson St.
(behind St. Joseph Church).

If you have treasures or crafts to sell, why not rent a table? Doors will open from 9:00 am -1:00 pm. Table rental is \$10 per 6 foot table. Reserve your table by calling Ellen at (860)936-4215.

We cannot accept donations of items at this time.

Please donate your best cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies and breads to sell at the bake sale. Call Elaine at (860)828-1616 to sign up to bake.

All proceeds from table rentals and bake sale will benefit Council 31 Knights of Columbus' programs and activities. Looking forward to another successful parish activity!



Saint Joseph Medal of Appreciation Award Ceremony

Each year the Archdiocese of Hartford awards the Saint Joseph Medal of Appreciation to one individual parishioner or to one married couple in each parish who has provided invaluable service to the Church.

This year, the award recipients from our Parishes are:

Divine Providence Parish: Timothy & Patricia Stewart

Holy Apostles Parish: Patricia Ludwikow

St Francis of Assisi Parish: Michael & Rita Carrier

St Katharine Drexel Parish: Ludger & Patricia Bedard

There will be an award ceremony on Sunday, March 19th, at 3 pm at the Cathedral of St Joseph in Hartford. The recipients will receive their

St Joseph Medal from Archbishop Leonard Blair.

All are invited to attend this event.

2nd Collection Catholic Relief Services

March 18 & 19

Funds from this collection proved food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

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