



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC



Aaron & Katie King receive the St. Joseph Medal of Honor at the Cathedral

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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

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Online Giving

Visit 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 schedule changes or cancellations due to inclement weather, 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 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

March 10, 2024: \$12,157.50

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

Catholic Relief Services: \$2,035.00

Mass Attendance for the weekend of

March 10, 2024: 670

As we continue our merger into one parish, any donations should be made to *St. Francis of Assisi Parish*. Thank you for your continued generosity.

In Loving Memory we pray for

Michael Caso

Marie Lafontaine

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

Calendar Notes

Tuesday March 19th

In honor of the Feast of St. Joseph, there will be a 6:00 pm evening Mass at St. Francis

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Gilman, June, Wilfred, & Ervin Voisine

Sunday, March 17

8:00 am: St. Francis: Deceased Members of the Rizzo, Koley, & Carlina Families

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Chrissy DeBlasio

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Mary & Amedee Cote

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Mildred Regalis

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, March 18

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, March 20

8:00 am: +Adriana Valbuena

Thursday, March 21

8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Albo & Rodriguez Families

Friday, March 22

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, March 23

8:00 am: St. Francis: Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Dinh Ho & Ut Nguyen

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

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

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

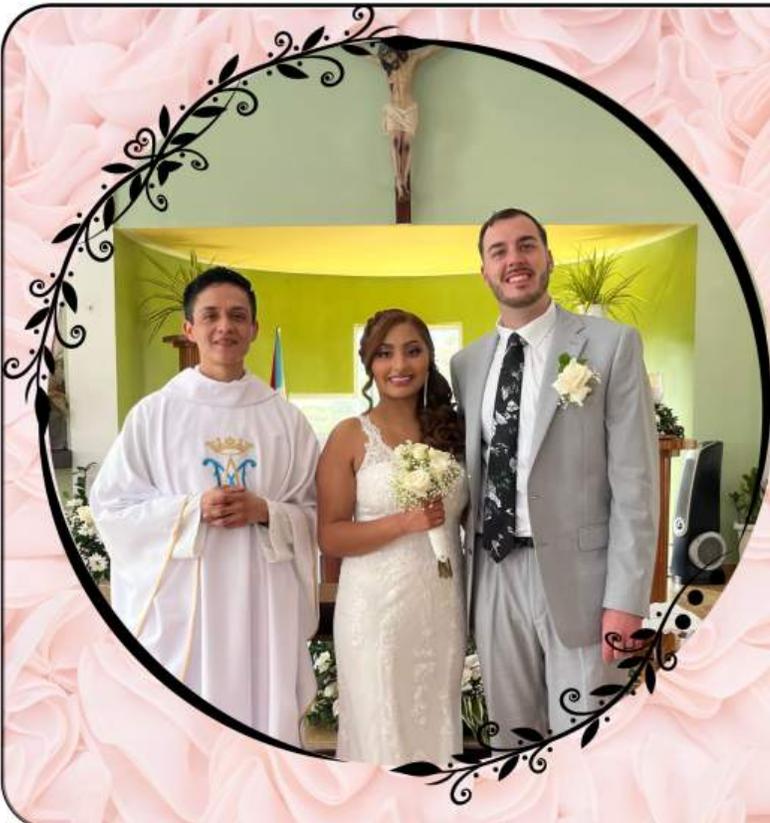
10:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

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

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

SNOW POLICY

When there is active snow on a Sunday, ALL Sunday Masses (8, 9, 10 & 11:30 am) will be held at St. Francis to allow for consistency of snow removal and safe entrance to all buildings. If we need to implement this schedule it will be announced on parish social media and our notifications email list.



*Congratulations to
St. Jerome parishioners
Mathew Neff and
Jasmic Flores
who were married in
Puerto Rico last week*



St. Francis Parish Life



ST JOSEPH MEDAL OF HONOR
Congratulations Aaron & Katie

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

As announced at masses last weekend, **effective Sunday, April 7th** our new Sunday Mass schedule will go into effect:

**4:00 PM SATURDAY VIGIL
ST. JEROME**

**8:30 AM
ST. MAURICE**

**10:30 AM
ST. FRANCIS**

Triduum Schedule

**HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY*
3:00 PM**

*THERE IS NO STATIONS OF THE
CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

**EASTER VIGIL
8:00 PM**

**ALL SERVICES AT
ST. JEROME CHURCH
1010 SLATER ROAD NEW BRITAIN**

Easter Sunday

**SUNDAY MARCH 31
OUR NORMAL SUNDAY MASS
SCHEDULE IS IN EFFECT**

**8:00 AM
ST. FRANCIS**

**9:00 AM
ST. JOSEPH**

**10:00 AM
ST. FRANCIS**

**11:30 AM
ST. JEROME**

The Resurrection of Jesus: Our Hope for Eternal Life *by Monsignor Frank Matera*

During Lent we are preparing to celebrate the Lord's resurrection. But what does it mean to confess that God raised Jesus from the dead? What do we believe when we say that we believe in the resurrection of the dead? What kind of life will we experience after death? In this four-part series, Monsignor Matera examines what Saint Paul teaches about the resurrection of Christ and our hope for eternal life. **All sessions will be held Monday evening, at Saint Francis School, 6:30 pm.**

March 18: We Are Being Renewed Day By Day (2 Corinthians 4:7—5:10)

The sufferings and afflictions we experience in this life are preparing us for resurrection life. Although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed and prepared for the risen body we will receive after death.

March 25: We Have Been Raised With Christ And Seated At God's Right (Ephesians 1:15—2:10)

Resurrection life is a present as well as a future reality. Since we have the gift of the Spirit, we already share in Christ's resurrection. We have been raised up in Christ and seated with him at God's right.

CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE MARCH 20, 2024

Schedule of Events:

10:00 am - Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph

12:00 pm - Rally at the State Capitol

1:00 pm - March for Life around Bushnell Park

New Britain Council of Catholic Women

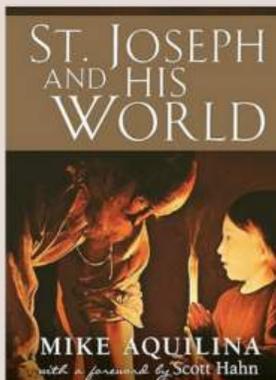
The NBCCW will hold its kickoff meeting on **Thursday, March 21st at 1pm** at St. Jerome's Church.

This meeting will highlight our designated charity - Ukraine support via Catholic Relief Services. There will be a social justice activity focusing on the Principle of Solidarity, CRS Ukraine Emergency Fund.

Reason for Hope

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

St. Joseph and His World



Author:
Mike Aquilina

"You'll learn about Nazareth, you'll learn about religious practice and education in that place and time. You'll travel to Egypt and encounter the fascinating settlements of Jews in that land. You'll also find out how a carpenter worked in those days: what tools he used, what items he crafted, where he got his training, and how he got to and from his job sites." This book provides an imaginative entry into one of the most important lives, and one of the greatest Saints, in all of history - a life too often obscured by later legends.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent (except Good Friday)

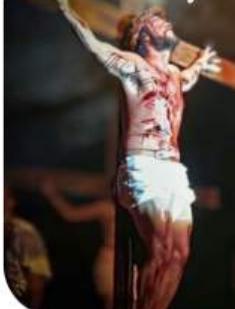
12:00 pm

St. Jerome

6:00 pm

St. Francis

46TH ANNUAL St. Luke's Passion Play



PERFORMANCE DATES:

Saturday -	March 23rd	@ 6:30 pm
Sunday -	March 24th	@ 3:00 pm
Tuesday -	March 26th	@ 7:00 pm
Wednesday -	March 27th	@ 7:00 pm
Friday -	March 29th	@ 7:00 pm

TICKET INFORMATION

Scan the QR code for ticket ordering and donations.



St. Luke's
Passion Play - Public



@stlucespassionplay

For questions and information on group orders please contact:
passionplay@stlucect.org or 908-902-8404

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed this week is:

- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Canned Soup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- 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.

Thank you for your support!

Living Stations of the Cross



MARCH 22ND

7PM

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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

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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