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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 24, 2024

Welcome to our Parish



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Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacon
Alan Bielawski

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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 17, 2024: \$11,650.94

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of
March 17, 2024: 721

Finance Notes

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

Eric Martin

Brent Casner

Alisa Camarata

Jane Piorkowski

Andrew Winters Jr.

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.abcwomenscenter.org

Calendar Notes

Tuesday March 26th

The Parish Office will be closed
due to staff attendance at the Chrism Mass

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, March 25

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Triduum Services

All Services will be held at St. Jerome

Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29

The Passion of the Lord - 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31

The Resurrection of the Lord

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*

ST. FRANCIS PARISH LIFE



Photos:

Top: FOCUS Missionaries and college students on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Middle Right: Faith Formation students pray together during class

Bottom Right: Celebration in honor of Aaron & Katie King

Bottom Left: Baptism of Luna Siharath Santiago at St. Francis

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Effective Sunday, April 7th our new Weekend Mass schedule will go into effect:

4:00 PM
ST. JEROME
SATURDAY VIGIL

8:30 AM
ST. MAURICE

10:30 AM
ST. FRANCIS

Confession

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday
12:00 - 1:00 pm at St. Francis

There will be no morning or evening Confession during the Triduum

Triduum Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY*
3:00 PM

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CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER VIGIL
8:00 PM

ALL SERVICES AT
ST. JEROME CHURCH
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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*

Join Monsignor Matera for the final class examining what Saint Paul teaches about the resurrection of Christ and our hope for eternal life, **this Monday evening, at Saint Francis School, 6:30 pm.**

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.

Ladies Guild

The next Ladies Guild Meeting is **Tuesday April 9th, 1:00 pm at St. Francis School Cafeteria.** There will be a presentation by Rex Cone, Director of the New Britain Senior Center, on the variety of offerings, clinics, activities and community services available to Seniors in our community.

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)

Only Jesus

Combining robust doctrine and authentic mysticism, Martínez leads his readers through a four part meditation on the person of Jesus Christ. In Part One, he considers the unfolding of revelation through the Incarnation, public ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Parts Two and Three reflect on the union between Jesus and the Christian faithful, which both springs from and resides in the depths of the Sacred Heart. To conclude, Martínez contemplates the "Divine Repose" and the indwelling of God in those who love him.

Author: Luis Martinez



GOOD FRIDAY

WHAT IS GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is the day we commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus at Calvary. It is a day of both fasting and abstinence as we solemnly commemorate Jesus' sacrifice.

PRAYING



FASTING



ABSTINENCE



WHAT IS FASTING



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

DAYS OF FAST

Ash Wednesday

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Catholics aged
18-59



The sick and pregnant
or nursing women are
excused from fasting



WHAT IS ABSTINENCE



Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be flesh & organs of mammals & fowl.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday

All Fridays
of Lent

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED

Mandatory for everyone



Older than



Food Pantry Shopping List
Tuesdays at St. Joseph 9:30 am - 10:30

The item needed this week is:

- Canned Soup
- 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!*



**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.



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

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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