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March 26, 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.
New Britain, CT 06053

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 19, 2023: \$ 12,281.47
This amount includes the basket,
mail in and online donations.

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of March 19, 2023: 703
Thank you to all who support our parish.



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



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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.

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Saturday, March 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation
8am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
4pm **Vigil: St. Jerome:** Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, March 26
8:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant
9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** +Chrissy DeBlasio
10:00 am: **St. Francis:**+William & Dolores Woodward
11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** +Marcel & Frank Roberge

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

Monday, March 27
8:00 am: Pro Populo
6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, March 28
8:00 am: +Therese Lizotte
6:00 pm: +Regina & John Hocyk

Wednesday, March 29
8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
6:00 pm: Special Intention

Thursday, March 30
8:00 am: +Zofia Szewczyk
6:00 pm: +Linda Stepenski-Campochiaro

Friday, March 31
8:00 am: +Michael McNicholas
6:00 pm: +Gino Ricciardi

Saturday, April 1
8am: **St. Francis:** Sanctification of the Bishop and
Priests of AOH
4pm **Vigil: St. Jerome:** Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, April 2: 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, please call the Parish office,
located at St. Jerome at 860-224-2411**

Paschal Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday: 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 8pm

St. Jerome Church

1010 Slater Rd. New Britain CT 06053

Photos of the Week



Women's Retreat At Arnold Hall,
Pembroke, MA



Laetare Sunday at St. Francis



Prolife Display on CCSU Campus



Fr. Casey's Notes

Gratitude for the St. Jerome Bingo

We announced not long ago that we would no longer be continuing the Monday night Bingo at St. Jerome Church after Easter. This decision was made in consultation with the Parish Finance Council and was also discussed with the Parish Council. It was not an easy decision as the long history of St. Jerome Bingo for the last 30 years has been a financial support to the parish community. I want to thank all the volunteers for both the bingo and the kitchen who have contributed so much these past years. I am grateful for your support and look forward to the ways we can continue to work together in the future.

-Fr. Casey

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

Tuesday, April 18, 10am-3pm

A donation of \$35 includes a continental breakfast and full lunch. Reservations are required. Please contact Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102 or register online at

[www/sacredheartonthelake.org](http://www.sacredheartonthelake.org)

For further information and details about the themes of each retreat please check our website at www.sacredheartonthelake.org

Q&A Biblical Foundation of Devotion to Mary & Divine Mercy Chaplet?

Strictly speaking, the Bible does not explicitly say, "Pray the rosary and other devotions to Mary."

Nor does it explicitly say, "Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet." But, of course, that's a somewhat obvious answer. The real answer to your question has to do with the biblical foundation of those practices.

First, the Rosary, which is the most common devotion to our Blessed Mother, is primarily Scriptural. Second, devotion to Mary in general comes to us from the fact that Jesus lived the Fourth Commandment perfectly. Third, at the Cross Jesus said to the Apostle John, "Behold, your mother." And in giving Mary to John, the Church has always seen that Mary is given to all of us.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/q-biblical-foundation-of-devotion-to-mary-and-divine-mercy-chaplet/>



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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. (860)224-2411

The shawls can be knitted as a group or completed independently.

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

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

BINGO

Monday Evenings

St Jerome Church Hall

1010 Slater Rd., New Britain

Doors open at 5pm

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

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!

NBCCW

The March meeting of the New Britain Council of Catholic Women will take place on March 30th at 1:00 pm at St. Jerome Church (1010 Slater Road). We will have our business meeting and a speaker. Please bring a friend. Refreshments will follow.



Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

1416-1507

Patron Saint of Calabria, mariners, and naval officers

Today's saint was a holy priest from the town of Paola in Southern Italy. He was baptized as Francis by his parents when, after several years of going childless, they made a vow to name any son that might be born to them in the great saint's honor. Francis of Paola was worthy of his namesake from a young age. His parents took special care with his religious upbringing and brought him to live for a year in a Franciscan monastery when Francis was just twelve. The young Francis developed a reputation for holiness even when just a teen. By the age of twenty, he was living as a hermit in a cave near Paola when local men began to gather around him. The fledgling group adopted the name "the Hermits of Brother Francis of Assisi," a name later changed to the "Friars Minims," or just "Minims," meaning "less" or "least," in the spirit of the "Lesser Brothers"

that Saint Francis of Assisi had founded centuries before. Francis of Paola desired humility, nothingness, and total self-abnegation. He and his followers lived a perpetual Lent. All Minims took the usual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. But they also took a special fourth vow to abstain, all year long and all life long, from meat, eggs, butter, cheese, milk, and all dairy products. The fast never ended. This was mortification on a heroic scale. Vegetarianism, much less veganism, was a step beyond what Saint Francis of Assisi himself had lived. Saint Francis of Assisi ate what was set before him, including meat. Francis of Paola's veganism was united to a strict moral code, a community life built around the Sacraments, and a deep spirituality centered on Jesus Christ. To be "one with nature" does not mean to be morally ambiguous or to break with religious traditions. A diet should not be a creed. Saint Francis was organic in that he lived one with God, with nature, with his religious brothers, and with the Church. Francis was perennially concerned with the moral laxity of the Church of his era, and purposefully fasted and did penance in reparation for its sins. While Francis of Assisi lived austere and suffered debilitating illnesses, he was nevertheless cheerful and animated in his dealings with others. No one ever accused Francis of Paola of being ebullient. He was a fully armed spiritual warrior of the most serious kind. He went barefoot. He slept on a board. He was a desert father without the sand.

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