



ST. FRANCIS
CATHOLIC

EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31, 2024



Welcome to our Parish



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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. 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

***NEW SCHEDULE IN EFFECT
AS OF SUNDAY APRIL 7TH***

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm at St. Jerome

Sunday

8:30 am at St. Maurice

10:30 am at St. Francis

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. Joseph 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



Christ is risen! "Alleluia!"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the Last Supper which we commemorated on Holy Thursday, Jesus took bread and wine and instituted the Eucharist, instructing the Apostles to "Do This in Memory of Me." (1 Cor. 11:24)

When we come together for the celebration of Mass, we not only experience our unity as living members of the Body of Christ, but we also receive Him — body and blood, soul and divinity — in the Holy Eucharist. This is so, precisely because He is not to be found among the dead, but among the living, and that is our Easter joy.

During this Easter season, we are called to recognize the greatness of His

sacrifice and the incredible gift of life and salvation that He has won for us. The death and resurrection of Christ are the turning point of history and the foundation of our faith. Through His death, He bore the weight of our sins, offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice to reconcile us with God. His resurrection is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of good over evil. In His resurrection, we find hope for our own lives, knowing that through, with and in Him we too can find newness of life and the promise of eternity.

Just as the Apostles, seeing the Risen Christ, were moved from despair to

rejoicing, we too are called to let God's love transform our minds and hearts.

My prayer this Easter Season is for all of the members of our Archdiocese to experience the redemptive love of Christ through participation at Sunday Mass. From there we are sent forth to be loving, merciful and charitable toward others, to share the good news of Jesus Christ by joining our voices with those of His first disciples in acclaiming, "The Lord is risen! He is truly risen!"

May the peace of the Risen Christ truly be with you, and may the great joy of Easter fill your hearts and lives in this season and throughout the year. "Alleluia!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Leonard P. Blair

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford





Music Ministry



FOCUS & CCSU Trip to Seek 2024



Ladies Guild



ST. FRANCIS

Snapshots



Count & Collection

Due to early bulletin submission deadlines, the Count and Collection for March 24th is not available and will be published once they are available.

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 all the recently deceased.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

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

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

**8:30 AM
ST. MAURICE**

**10:30 AM
ST. FRANCIS**

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, April 1

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, April 2

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 am: Special Intention

Thursday, April 4

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

8:00 am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop & priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, April 7

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Gino Ricciardi

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Sebastian, Josephine & Elizabeth Giarratana & John D. Masserio

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

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The Compelling Story of The First Christians

Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom is a compelling video series that traces how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem, and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today. *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ.

Sessions offered on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning on April 22nd at St. Francis School Cafeteria.

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.

First Friday & First Saturday

First Friday:

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **Friday April 5th 5:00 pm to 8:00 am** Saturday at St. Francis

First Saturday:

Join us for the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet for the Sanctification of the priests and bishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford, **Saturday April 6th, 7:00 am** (before the 8:00 am Mass) at St. Francis

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed this week is:

Pasta

- 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!

St. Francis Young Mothers Group

Join other faithful Catholic women in their 20's through early 40's, with children from newborn through age 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)

Saturdays at 7pm: St. Jerome Church Hall

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