



ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC



Bishop Betancourt and St. Francis staff and volunteers (Karyl Beloin, Katie King & Marta Berrios) attend the Archdiocese of Hartford Vocation Summit

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2024

Welcome to our Parish



Pastor
Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacon
Alan Bielawski

**1010 Slater Rd.,
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**Office Hours
Monday-Friday,
9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

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www.stfranciscatholic.org**

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

February 25, 2024: \$10,106.68

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of

February 25, 2024: 697

Thank you for your generosity!

Bingo Bonanza

Sunday afternoon Bingo raised **\$6,000**
for the parish in February 2024!

**In Loving Memory we pray for
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

Catholic Biblical School Open House

From now through May 1, the New England Catholic Biblical School invites you to come visit an in-person or virtual class to see how studying all 73 books of the Bible can change your life!

Call 860-242-5573 or visit:

www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Norma Sanchez

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am: St. Francis: +David Symolon

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Maryellen Kindelan

10:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Eugenio, Gino & Giuseppe Ricciardi, & Salvatore Petrillo

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, March 4

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 am: +Edgar & Ann Cauffman

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 am: +Virginia Black

Thursday, March 7

8:00 am: Special Intention

Friday, March 8

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, March 9

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Veronica Steinbruck

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Joseph Rudnansky

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Antonina Fiscaro & Family

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Andrew Gierczak & the Deceased Members of the Gierczak Family

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Florence & Peter Zaniewski

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.

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THE SAINT
FRANCIS
PARISH
COUNCIL
HOLDS
THEIR
MONTHLY
MEETING

PREPARING
FOR THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL
KICKOFF
WEEKEND AT
OUR PARISHES



ST FRANCIS PARISH LIFE
SNAPSHOTS

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

46TH ANNUAL
St. Luke's Passion Play

PERFORMANCE DATES:		
Saturday -	March 23rd	@ 8:30 pm
Sunday -	March 24th	@ 3:00 pm
Tuesday -	March 26th	@ 7:00 pm
Wednesday -	March 27th	@ 7:00 pm
Friday -	March 28th	@ 7:00 pm

TICKET INFORMATION
Scan the QR code for ticket ordering and donations.





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

Living Stations of the Cross



MARCH 22ND
7PM
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL
1755 STANLEY STREET
NEW BRITAIN, CT 06053

PRESENTED BY (A.M.D.G.)² WWW.ADOROTE.ORG

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 4: God Raised Christ From The Dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-34)

Faith in the resurrection of Christ is at the heart of the gospel. By confessing that God raised Jesus from the dead, we are also confessing our hope that God will raise our mortal bodies into resurrection life as well.

March 11: The Resurrection Body (1 Corinthians 15:35-58)

We will be raised bodily. It is not just our soul that will be saved, it is our body as well as our soul. We will enjoy what Saint Paul calls "a spiritual body," a body made alive by the power of God's Spirit.

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.

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 Francis of Assisi 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 Francis 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 undergraduate 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. Francis of Assisi Parish. Scholarship application that contain all of the requirement needed to apply may be obtained at the Saint Francis 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. **Application deadline is March 15, 2024.**

Ladies Guild Meeting

The next Ladies Guild Meeting is **Tuesday March 12th, 12:30 pm at St. Francis Church.** Deacon Al will lead us in the Stations of the Cross, followed by a light lunch of soup and bread in the school cafeteria. All parishioners are welcome to attend!

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday During Lent (except Good Friday)

12:00 pm
St. Jerome

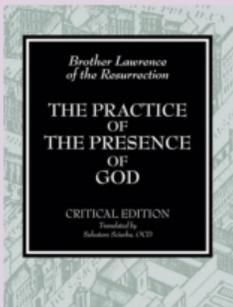
6:00 pm
St. Francis

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)

Practice of the Presence of God

The Practice of the Presence of God gives readers insight into the simple yet profound spiritual life of Brother Lawrence. His method was to merely turn his attention to the Divine Presence at all times, during every activity. He reports that he was as fully present with God while washing dishes as he was when partaking in Mass. His profound peace and joy attracted many visitors, who sought to learn his unique spiritual practice. This timeless spiritual classic is now available with the first ever English translation of the French *critical* version, providing even deeper insight into his spirituality.



Author:
Brother Lawrence
of the Resurrection,
OCD

Question of the Week

How does a Protestant become Catholic?

Someone who is baptized a Christian, but is not Catholic, becomes Catholic by making a profession of Faith and receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. This is done at the Easter vigil in some places but can be done at any time when the person is ready. We share much in common with our brothers and sisters and the process of welcoming them into full communion with the Catholic Church can be easier than for those who are not baptized.

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed this week is:

Tuna

- 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!

Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be next **Sunday, March 10**, at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Church. Join us for: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a blessing with a 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

Next **Sunday March 10**, we will take up a second collection in support of Catholic Relief Services.

Funds from this collection support the work of Catholic organizations that aid victims of war and natural disasters, help build peace in places of conflict, and minister to migrants and others with specific pastoral needs.

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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