

Divine Providence, St. Francis of Assisi, Holy Apostles, St. Katharine Drexel Parishes



Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023



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**Holy Apostles Parish at
St. John the Evangelist Church**
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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

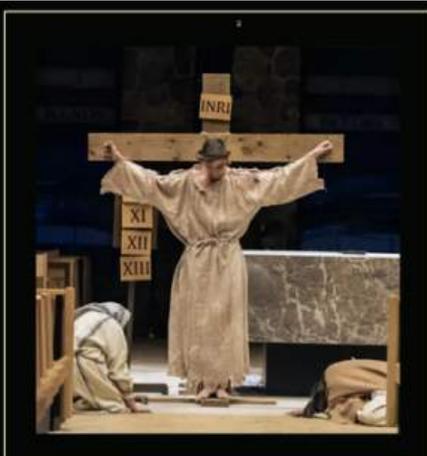
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This amount includes the basket,
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Mass Attendance for the weekend
of February 26, 2023: 667
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Every Friday of Lent
6:30 pm at St. Francis Church



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NBCCW Scholarship

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: mbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is May 5th.



Saturday, March 4

8am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop &
Priests of AOH

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Francis Roberge

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Ludger & Cecile Ouellette

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Fred Larese &
+Mary Jane Schmit

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Edgar Cauffman

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Eugenio & Gino Ricciardi

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, March 6

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: Special Intention

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, March 9

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: +Claude Boul

Friday, March 10

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, March 11

8am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Veronica Steinbruck

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Maria Hernandez

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Antonina Fisicaro &
+Sebastiano Filla

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Collin & Truglio Families

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +William Mackiewicz, Jr.

To Schedule a Mass, please call the Parish office, located at
St. Jerome at 860-224-2411

Annual Retreat

This upcoming week, I will be away for my annual retreat. Every priest is required by Canon Law to make a retreat each year. This is a time to focus on one's relationship with our Lord and to have more freedom for prayer and silence. The demands of parish ministry can be many and with increased responsibilities shared among fewer priests, the requirement to take at least one week each year to focus on one's own spiritual life is essential. This is a time I look forward to each year and I usually find that after a day or two with my phone off and having ample time for prayer, the areas where my own relationship with Jesus have fallen short become quite apparent.

Not all retreats are the same. Some are very programmatic with talks and activities. Some are individually directed and allow for greater time of solitude with God. The retreat I attend each year is specifically for priests. We will all observe silence from Monday night until Friday morning. Silence really helps one focus on the interior conversation with Christ which nourishes any spiritual life. There will be a retreat director who will preach three half-hour meditations each day. The Mass will be the center of every day and the ability to refocus on reverently celebrating Holy Mass is something I value immensely from a retreat. We will pray the rosary and have an opportunity for confession.

Every person who has flown on an airplane knows, "You need to fasten the oxygen mask over your own face first before helping others." The spiritual lives of priests are the same way. Our priests need to be sure that they are attending to the needs of their relationship with Jesus Christ if they are going to be able to help others grow in holiness. Please keep me in your prayers this week, and know of my prayers for you.

-Fr. Casey



**Unlocking the Power of
Praying the Psalms**

Lenten Scripture Retreat:
Saturday, March 25th 8:45-2:15pm

For More Information and to Register:



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can be your compass pointing out the road
to follow."**

- Pope Benedict XVI



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**Gianna Caron
Baptized
At St. Francis**



Photo of the Week



Receiving Ashes on Ash Wednesday





The Passion and Death of Jesus According to Matthew and John

During Holy Week, we will hear the Passion Narrative twice. On Palm Sunday, we will hear the Passion Narrative according to St. Matthew. Then, on Good Friday, we shall hear the Passion Narrative according to St. John. In this four-part series, Monsignor Frank Matera (who assists us on weekends) will highlight the distinctive way in which each Evangelist presents the story of Jesus' passion and death.

March 6

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus according to the Gospel Matthew

March 13

The Arrest and Trial of Jesus according to the Gospel of John

March 20

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus according to the Gospel of John
Each session will be held at St. Francis School on Monday evenings, beginning at 6:30 PM

Sacred Heart on The Lake Retreat Center UPCOMING RETREATS

LENTEN RETREAT DAY A:

The Paschal Mystery-The Real Meaning of Sacred Heart Devotion and God's Unconditional Love

-Saturday, March 18 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

LENTEN RETREAT THEME B:

LENT- A 40 Day Preparation Retreat For The Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows

-Saturday, March 4 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

-Saturday, March 25 from 10am-3pm @ Higganum

All retreats are located at Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center (194 Candlewood Rd Higganum, CT 06441) and will be given by Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. A donation of \$35 is asked which includes a continental breakfast and a full lunch. Reservations are necessary. We are limited in the number we can accommodate; and registration is done on a first come first serve basis. Call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102 or email lsmith@ascjus.org. For further information and details about the themes of each retreat please check our website at www.sacredheartontheLake.org.

St. Francis Ladies Guild

The next meeting of the St. Francis Ladies Guild will be held on Tuesday, March 14 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. It is our pleasure to have Deacon Alan Bielawski as our guest speaker. Ladies from all 4 parishes are welcome to join. Bring a friend and ideas for future meetings.

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 Katharine Drexel 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 Katharine Drexel 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 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. Katharine Drexel Parish. Scholarship application that contain all of the requirement needed to apply may be obtained at the Saint Katharine Drexel 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.

Q&A

Convalidation Process?

A convalidation is when someone has been married civilly, but due to an impediment the marriage was invalid as a sacrament. The impediment must first be removed and the couple then makes a new exchange of vows to enter into a sacramental marriage. The usual impediment would be what's called lack of canonical form, which is when a Catholic marries outside the Church without permission. In such a situation, a new exchange of vows is performed in the Catholic form in order to make it valid. The process to have a civil marriage validated in the Church is essentially the same as any other couple getting married in the church:

- Provide sacramental records
- Evidence/testimony of freedom to marry in the church
- Copy of civil marriage
- Normal pre-marital paperwork
- Exchange of vows before Catholic clergy and two witnesses

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/convalidation-process>



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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

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.

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Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

1384–1440

Patron Saint of motorists and widows

Frances was born into an aristocratic family in the Eternal City of Rome near the famed Piazza Navona. From an early age, she was drawn to God and responded with much generosity. At the age of eleven, she told her father that she wanted to become a nun, but her father had other plans for her life. He informed her that he was giving her hand in marriage to Lorenzo Ponziani, a wealthy aristocrat who was a commander in the papal army. Frances struggled with her father’s decision and brought her concern to a local priest. After listening to her, the priest said to her, “Are you crying because you want to do God’s will or because you want God to do your will?” She quickly responded that she wanted God’s will, and the matter was settled. At the age of twelve, Frances was married.

Soon after her marriage, Frances was expected to assist her mother-in-law with the family’s social calendar. She was to help plan and host parties, engage in frivolities, and attend numerous public meetings. Since all she longed for was a life of solitude and prayer, the social expectations placed on her wore her out and she became gravely ill. The illness lasted for months and left her on her deathbed at a tender age. For the next forty years, Frances embraced her marriage with her whole heart. She loved her husband and he loved her. Though Frances was wealthy and of the noble class, she embraced a personal life of simplicity, bodily penance, fasting, and prayer. She abstained from meat except for rare occasions. She would often exchange the delectable food of the nobility for the food of poor beggars, usually receiving from them dry and moldy bread. She dressed in coarse garments, never fine linen, and often wore a hairshirt that irritated her flesh.

Saint Frances loved and served God as a wife, mother, and religious. She learned to embrace God’s will over her own. Her selfless living enabled her to discover God’s will in each evolution of her vocation and to serve Him in the way in which she was called.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/march-9-saint-frances-of-rome-religious/>

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