

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



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Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2023



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### **Prayer Line**

In need of Prayers? Please Call Mary M. at our Prayer Line between 2 and 4pm 860-225-3890.

### **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.  
New Britain, CT 06053

### **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.

**April 30, 2023: \$10,328.59**

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of April 30, 2023: 710**

*Due to early publishing deadlines for the next  
several weeks, the Count and Collections  
figures and Mass Attendance for  
May 7, 2023 will be published  
as soon as they become available*

Thank you to all who support our parish.

**In Loving Memory we pray for:**

Vanessa Marie Martinez  
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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;  
let your light shine upon them.*



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## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 13**

**8am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Matthew Petraniuk

**Sunday, May 14**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Robert & Judith Kelley  
**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +Michael Lenti  
**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** +Marie Anne Boutin

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

**Monday, May 15**

**8:00 am:** Pro Populo  
**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

**Tuesday, May 16**

**8:00 am:** +Margaret Bandzi  
**6:00 pm:** +Constancja Dzwonkowski

**Wednesday, May 17**

**8:00 am:** +Joseph Dubois  
**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

**Thursday, May 18 The Ascension of the Lord**

**8:00 am:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**12:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

**Friday, May 19**

**8:00 am:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

**Saturday, May 20**

**8am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant  
**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** Special Intention

**Sunday, May 21**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Karol Bandzi  
**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Gaetano Zaffarana  
**10:00 am: St. Francis:** Deceased members of the  
Szczesniak Family

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** +Gino Ricciardi

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

# Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Last Campus Ministry (F5) gathering of the semester

Farewell to FOCUS missionaries  
Nathan Forsthofel & Nick DiBello



Wedding of Juan Munoz Parra  
& Diana Cecilia Marulanda



Religious Education End of Year Celebration



### Diaconate Ordination

You are invited to celebrate the Ordination of two seminarians of the Archdiocese to the Transitional Diaconate!

Colin Lane (who served at St. Francis during the summer of 2018 and Holy Week of 2019) and Daniel Hackenjoes will be ordained on **Saturday, May 20th at 11am** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, St. Paul VI Parish in Hamden.

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey to the priesthood.

## Summer Schedule

Beginning May 22

**Daily Mass:** 8:00 am Monday-Saturday

**Confessions:** 7:30-7:50 am Monday- Saturday

5-6pm Wednesday

3:30-3:50pm Saturday

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 5-6pm Wednesday

*\*\*Weekend Masses remain unchanged\*\**



### Parish Picnic!

Saturday June 10, 5:00-9:00pm  
St. Jerome front lawn

More information to follow

### Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday June 11

11am Mass at St. Joseph

*\*No 10am Mass at St. Francis or  
11:30am at St. Jerome that day*

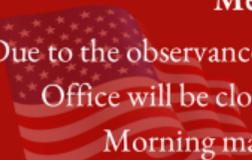


### Memorial Day

Due to the observance of Memorial Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29.

Morning mass will be at 9:00 am

There is no confession and no 6:00 pm Mass



### Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Ascension is **Thursday May 18**

6:00 pm Vigil (St. Francis)

8:00 am (St. Francis)

12:00 pm (St. Jerome)

6:00 pm (St. Francis)



### Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour

**Sunday May 14 at 2:00 pm** at St. Francis Church

Join us for: the May Crowning of Our Lady, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Investiture of the Brown Scapular and a blessing with a 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

### 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](mailto:becca.dworak@gmail.com)

## Communication Campaign

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media.

## BINGO

Sunday Afternoons at  
**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

## 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.

## Communion More than Once a Day?

This is an excellent question, since receiving our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament is the greatest act any human being can do either on Earth or in Heaven. St. Augustine states, "Live in such a manner as to be able to receive [the Blessed Sacrament] every day. We must remember that Our Lord in the Eucharist is our daily bread, as stated in the Our Father. The Church strongly recommends that the faithful receive the Blessed Sacrament daily.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/q-communion-more-than-once-a-day/>

## St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

\*Cereal  
Nut Butter  
Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
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\*Jelly  
\*Canned Soups  
\*Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetable  
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Ramen Noodles  
Mac and Cheese  
Snack Items:  
Cookies, Crackers, etc.

Monetary donations & 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

## Organ Building Update

Large wooden pipes have been installed in their chest. Since the organ was built during WWII, some pipes were repurposed from St. Andrew's own original organ to conserve materials. There are markings on these pipes dating back as far as 1888! A reservoir is also now in place to provide these pipes with air.





**Saint Isidore the Farmer c. 1080–1130**  
**Patron Saint of farmers and brick layers**

Saint Isidore was from Spain and was named in honor of Saint Isidore of Seville, a scholar, bishop, and Father of the Church. The two Isidores could not be more different. Today’s Saint Isidore is known in Spanish as “Labrador” or “the farm worker.” He was not a scholar and probably had trouble reading. He was not ordained to Holy Orders but married and a father. He surely had calluses on his hands, a red, leathery neck burned by the sun, and a sore and twisted back for

for most of his life. He earned what little he had. Numerous legends of miracle working and holiness attest to Saint Isidore’s influence on Spanish culture. In 1947 his partially incorrupt body was even put on public display to provoke prayers to bring a terrible Spanish drought to an end. Our religious faith cannot occupy only one sphere of our life, as if it were a hobby. A real religion impacts everything, especially work. We fulfill God’s will in our daily lives—which are packed full of work—by doing our work well. We should do our work diligently and at a high professional level, because it is an offering to God first and foremost. Work is the practical use and expression of the skills God has loaned us for our earthly pilgrimage. To misuse those skills, to let them lie fallow, or to put them to ill use, is to bury a treasure in the ground. “Saint Isidore’s life teaches us, indirectly, that God can convert an entire nation without ink or paper. A book might help, of course, but a religion of the Word is not the same as a religion of the Book, and Catholics are a people of the Word. Saint Isidore is the patron saint of farmers, day laborers, and brick layers. He is often shown wearing rough clothes, oxen leading him as he plows a furrow, with an angel at his side and a golden halo shining over him. A farmer saint.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/may-15---saint-isidore---usa-optional-memorial/>

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