

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



Congratulations to our First Communicants who celebrated their First Holy Communion on May 7!

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023



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Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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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

Confessions

7:30-7:50 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis

5pm-6pm Wednesday at St. Francis

3:30-3:50 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

Adoration

5pm-6pm Wednesday at St. Francis

St. John, St. Peter and St. Maurice
Churches are no longer used for regular Masses.

May 7, 2023: \$13,550.37

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend
of May 7, 2023: 741**

*Due to early publishing deadlines for the next
several weeks, the Count and Collections
figures and Mass Attendance for
May 14, 2023 will be published
as soon as they become available*

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for:

Jacqueline H. Cyr

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

Please welcome into our parish family

Chase Robert Selander

who was recently baptized at St. Jerome!



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Weekly Mass Intentions

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, May 22

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 am: +Catherine Selka

Wednesday, May 24

8:00 am: +Michael McNicholas

Thursday, May 25

8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Smolen Family

Friday, May 26

8:00 am: +David Fiori

Saturday, May 27

8am: St. Francis: NO MASS

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Paul Owczarczyk

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost 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**

Due to the Pilgrimage to Mexico:

There will be no Holy Hour on Wednesday May 24 and no 8am Mass on Saturday May 27

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Spring Cleanup of the grounds at St. Francis and St. Jerome



Parish Tag Sale at St. Joseph's School



Prayers for Father Casey as he celebrates 10 years of priesthood this month!

Ordination to the Priesthood

It is with great joy that our Archdiocese will ordain two men - Andrés Galeano (who served at St. Francis in the summer of 2019) and Sean Yates - to the priesthood on June 24th at St. Joseph Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this joyous occasion!



Prayers for Andrés and Sean as they approach their ordination

Pilgrimage to Mexico

This weekend Father Casey, Father Gutierrez, Deacon Al and nearly 40 parishioners from our parish and diocese begin a week long pilgrimage to Mexico in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please keep them in your prayers for safety in their travels and that the pilgrimage may be spiritually fruitful!



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

Save
the
Date

Parish Picnic!

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

More information to follow
next week

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

BINGO

Sunday Afternoons at **St. Joseph School**
195 South Main St., New Britain
Doors open at 11:30am, Games begin at 2pm

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

Communication Campaign

Today we take up a second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio and print media.

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

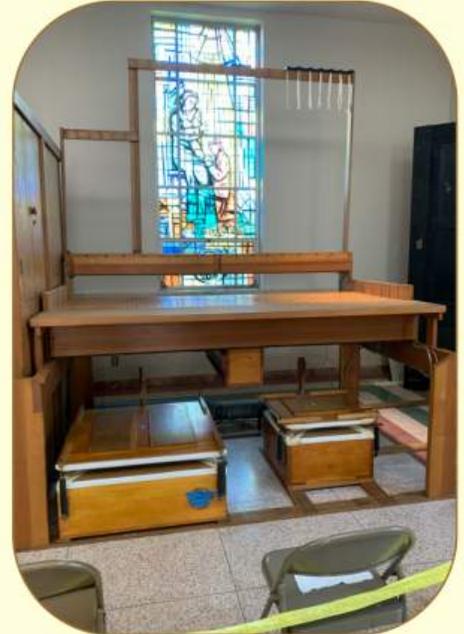
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Cookies, Crackers, etc.

Monetary donations & gift cards are also accepted. Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. In special need of starred(*) items

Organ Building Update

Wind lines were installed under the swell chest and enclosed in wooden casing. The great chest was moved into place, along with some reservoirs that will provide it with air. Structures have also been installed to support pipes.



Saint Gregory VII, Pope, c. 1015–1085



Pope Saint Gregory VII was a highly educated man born in Tuscany, who served in important diplomatic and administrative roles. He was elected as Pope in 1073 and as Pope, he sought to implement important reforms in the Church, such as making priestly celibacy compulsory, healing the Schism of 1054, railing against simony, and encouraging the recovery of the holy sites in Jerusalem. He also memorialized the Church's theology of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Despite his good intentions, Gregory's papacy was marred by conflict with the Holy Roman Emperor who resisted his reforms. His excommunication of Emperor Henry IV and the emperor's exile of the pope led to recriminations on all sides. Gregory's last words were "I have loved justice and hated iniquity, that is why I die in exile." Nevertheless, Gregory VII was a model medieval pope who represented both Christ and Saint Peter well. He dedicated his papacy to the health and freedom of the Church, and his legacy continued long after his death.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/may-25---saint-gregory-vii-pope/>

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

On June 3rd the Archdiocese of Hartford will ordain 8 men to the permanent diaconate, including Jonathan Bruzas, originally from St. Peter. We are grateful for this important ministry and all are welcome to attend!



Holy Days of Obligation?

It is both a duty and privilege to worship God. We celebrate the day of the Resurrection as the obligatory day of worship and rest. To call it an obligation might sound negative. Truthfully, we should see our offering of worship to God every Sunday as a great privilege and sacred duty. We need to worship Him, and we need the Eucharist every week. So it's for our own good we do this.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/q-holy-days-of-obligation/>



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