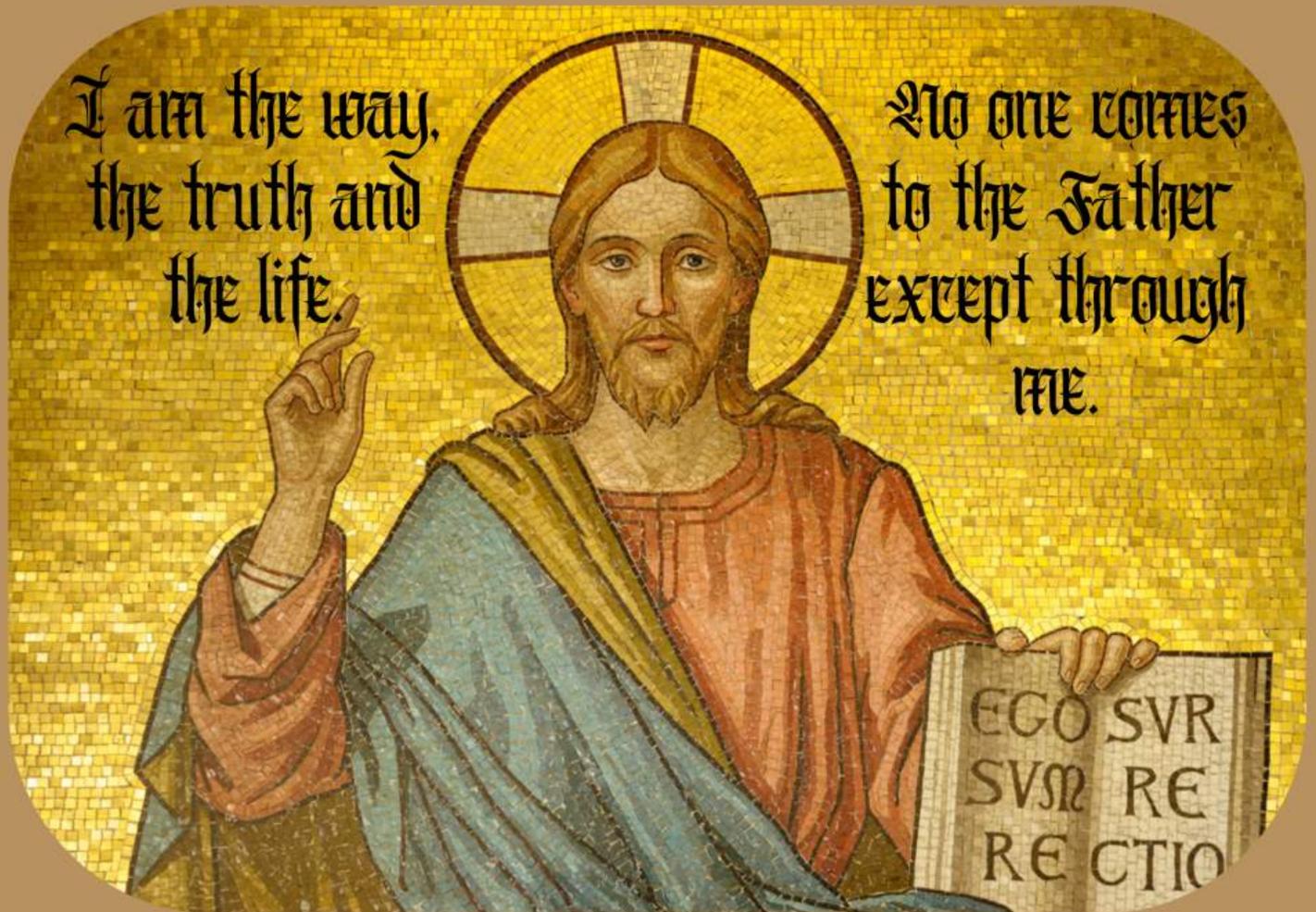


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Parishes



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 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.

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195 South Main St.
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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.
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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: Count & Collection
TBD

Due to early publishing deadlines for the next several weeks, the Count and Collections figures and Mass Attendance 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
Giuseppe Gulino
Barbara K. Smith

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



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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 6

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

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Steven Buslewicz

Sunday, May 7

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Matthew Carlina

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +John J. Dougherty

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Steve Lucwilcow

11:30 am: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the Diaz-Rivera Family

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, May 8

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: +Rafael Mendoza

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 am: +Wladyslaw & Michael Klekawka

6:00 pm: +Giuseppe & Rosa Ricciardi

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 am: +Porcia Maria Bozo

6:00 pm: Special Intention

Thursday, May 11

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: +Carlo Carlozzi Sr.

Friday, May 12

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Special Intention

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

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



ABC Women's Center Annual Gala



FOCUS trip to New York City



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.

*Save
The
Date*

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*



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

May Crowning of Mary

Please join us **Sunday May 14** as we celebrate this special occasion in honor of Our Lady!

St. Joseph: after 9am Mass

St. Francis: after 10am Mass

St. Jerome: after 11:30am Mass



St. Francis Young Mothers Group

The St. Francis Young Mothers Group is for faithful Catholic women in their 20's through early 40's, with children from the age of newborn through 6. Meetings are Wednesday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. After praying a decade of the rosary, moms and kids will enjoy good fellowship (and sometimes food)! 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 2pm

Meeting of the Ladies Guild

Combined Parishes of Divine Providence, St. Francis, Holy Apostles & St. Katherine Drexel

The May Ladies Guild meeting will take place **Tuesday May 9**, 1:00pm at St. Francis school cafeteria. Deacon Alan Bielawski will speak on Our Lady of Fatima. Women of all parishes are welcome to join us and bring a friend! Light refreshments will be served.

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

Nut 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.

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

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center - Farmington, CT

Wellness Day May 13, 10-4pm \$80

Join us for a day of workshops, activities, and lunch that will help re-energize and rebalance your life. It includes a morning Workshop on Improving Your Immunity, and an afternoon Dance Movement class.

The Spiritual Purpose of Relationships May 17 10-1:30 pm \$40 (includes lunch)

Why does that obnoxious person stay in your life? Relationships are God's way of helping us become our best selves. Find out why God puts some people in our lives to love & affirm us and others to bring issues to light in order to heal.

For more information visit www.OurLadyofCalvary.net or call 860-677-8519.

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.

Q&A

Why Altar Servers?

Simply put, well-trained altar servers make the practical aspects of the liturgy flow more smoothly. An altar server holds the book for the priest when he is praying from the chair. They hold candles next to the Gospel as it is being proclaimed. They assist with incense, assist with the preparation of the altar, and perform other helpful functions.

Additionally, on a personal level, serving at the holy Mass is a great honor and especially helps young people to learn the Mass well so that they can better join in the offering. Being present in the sanctuary, dressing in server cassocks or albs, and being attentive to the flow of the liturgy should have the effect of helping servers to grow in a deeper love and reverence for the Mass. At times and in cultures where boys act as altar servers, this helps plant the seed of a vocation in the minds and hearts of those whom God is calling to serve as priests.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/q-why-does-the-priest-need-altar-servers/>



Saint John of Ávila, Priest and Doctor, 1499–1569

Patron Saint of Andalusia Spain and Spanish clergy

Some of the most passionate and daring missionaries stayed close to home. St. John of Avila was one such saint. An only child, he sold his family property after his parents died, travelled to Seville and prepared to sail to New Spain (Mexico), to be one of the countless missionaries which landed on Mexico’s shores throughout the 1500s. But it was not to be. While waiting for his ship in Seville, his skills as a preacher and catechist, and his obvious holiness, were noticed by the local bishop, who convinced him to preach, teach, and evangelize in Andalusia, in Spain’s rugged south. Saint John then traversed a region that had only recently been conquered by the Spanish Crown and was still populated by Spanish Muslims and Jews. Father John harmonized orthodox theology, renaissance humanism, rigorous morality, and an insightful spirituality into a powerful synthesis which, through his compelling preaching, moved his congregations to their very cores. Large numbers of the faithful followed him across all the great cities of southern Spain—Seville, Córdoba, Granada. People of every class, education, and religious understanding found St. John fascinating. Known as “Master Ávila” for his dominance of the sacred sciences and his vigorous pastoral efforts, he converted, or led to deeper conversion, Saint John of God, founder of the Hospitaller Order, and Saint Francis Borgia, a future Master General of the Jesuits. He was a friend of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, and advised Saint Teresa of Ávila, founder of the Discalced Carmelites. John was declared Venerable in 1759, Blessed in 1893, Saint in 1970, and a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. The Papal Bull declaring him a Doctor of the Church states: “The teaching of John of Ávila is outstanding for its quality and precision, and its breadth and depth, which were the fruit of methodical study and contemplation together with a profound experience of supernatural realities.”

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