

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



Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day, November 2, at St. Francis Church

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023



Pastor
Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacon
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Monday-Friday,
9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

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Email Notification System

In the event of inclement weather, schedule changes or cancellations, 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.

Divine Providence Parish at St. Joseph Church

195 South Main St.
New Britain, CT 06051

Holy Apostles Parish at St. John the Evangelist Church

655 East St.
New Britain, CT 06051

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

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.

Count & Collection

November 5, 2023: \$15,444.04

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of November 5, 2023: 713

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for Barbara Larese

and all the recently deceased

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



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Office is open:

Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,

Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

www.abcwomenscenter.org

ABC Women's Center Baby Bottle Collection

Thank you for your generosity in supporting
this year's Baby Bottle Drive for the ABC
Women's Center! Bottles will be collected
after all masses THIS weekend. If you forgot
to bring your bottle, you may bring it to mass
next weekend or drop it off at the parish office
during the week.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 11

8:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Robert Paciotti

Sunday, November 12

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Rolando & Gloria Velasco

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Dinh Ho & Ut Nguyen

10:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

11:30 am: St. Jerome: Special Intention

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, November 13

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 am: +Nancy Zwick & Donald Francis Ring

Wednesday, November 15

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

Thursday, November 16

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, November 17

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, November 18

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Angel Figueroa

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Aleksander Czyrko

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Marianna & Stanislaw Radosz

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Vito Cannamela & Sebastiano
Formica

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Mario John Caggiano

11:30 am: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the Legion
of Mary

**To Schedule a Mass Intention, please call the
Parish office at 860-224-2411**

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Students enjoy dressing up and playing games during Faith Formation classes



Parishioners conclude the 40 Days for Life with a peaceful prayer vigil



Repairs continue on the roof at St. Maurice Church and Convent



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM ST. JEROME

10:00 PM ST. JEROME

CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY DECEMBER 25

9:00 AM ST. JOSEPH

11:00 AM ST. FRANCIS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 31 PRESENTS A

Winter Homeless Drive

November 11 - December 3

*Help us make a difference in our community
by keeping everyone warm and cozy!*

**WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

10 ride bus tickets

**SOCKS (white and gray crew) - GLOVES - HATS -
SCARVES - HAND WARMERS**
Women's shampoo/Deodorant



DROP OFF LOCATIONS (at the church entrance)

St. Jerome - St. Joseph - St. Francis

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Ladies Guild Meeting

The next meeting of the St. Francis Parish Ladies Guild will be **Tuesday November 14th**, from 1:00-3:00 pm in the cafeteria of St. Francis of Assisi School. A representative from the New Britain Police Department will give a presentation on indoor and outdoor home safety!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend our parish will take up a special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd

Vocations Night

Join Vocations Director Fr. Anthony Federico for a Vocation Night on **Thursday November 16th**, 6:00 pm at St. Anthony Church Hall in Bristol! (111 School Street, Bristol, CT 06010)

This night of discernment with priests and religious sisters is open to all men and women discerning their vocations.

INFORMATION • INSPIRATION • INVITATION

Adult Faith Formation Video Series: The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Exactly who is the Blessed Virgin Mary? Can you explain her role in God's plan for the world? Do you fully understand the vital role she plays in your life? While Catholics know Mary is important, many never fully grasp how essential she really is - but now they can. *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. In this video series of twelve visually stunning lessons, join author and speaker Matthew Leonard in this beautiful, awe-inspiring journey in which the Mary of doctrine and devotion comes alive in a powerful, new way. Sessions ongoing on Mondays, 6:30 pm at St. Francis School Cafeteria.

This series resumes this Monday November 13.

O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

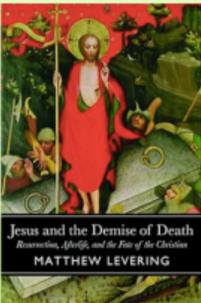
An introduction to the Catholic Faith and Sacrament preparation for adults

Every other Saturday from 8:45-10:15 am

Email OCIA@stfranciscatholic.org for more information or to sign up

Reason for Hope

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1Peter 3:15)



Jesus and the Demise of Death

In "Jesus and the Demise of Death," Levering presents a theological exploration of what happens to Jesus and his followers after death. He offers a fresh perspective by integrating Jesus' descent into hell and resurrection into the Christian understanding on bodily resurrection. Drawing on Thomas Aquinas' work, Levering reconstructs eschatological theology, emphasizing the enrichment of Christianity by Platonic thought and highlights the Church's role in the transition from life to death, in this compelling perspective on the afterlife.

Author: Matthew Levering

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PLEASE NOTE: VENMO SHOULD BE USED FOR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH. MASS INTENTIONS MUST BE PAID CASH OR CHECK TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

Question of the Week Series: Praying for the Dead

Part 2: Do we believe in Purgatory?

Yes, we do! According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1030-1031), purgatory is a state or place where souls undergo purification before entering the fullness of God's presence in heaven. This process is necessary to cleanse souls from any remaining sin or attachment to sin. The Vatican II document "Lumen Gentium" (LG 50) further reaffirms the belief in purgatory, emphasizing the Church's role in praying for the souls in purgatory. The souls in purgatory are seen as beneficiaries of God's mercy, with the Church interceding on their behalf.

Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be next **Sunday, November 12**, 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.

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

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

The Mingle

The Mingle is looking for volunteers Tuesdays 4-6:30 pm at St. Peter Church to help with feeding the less fortunate. Volunteers will help with setup, serving, and cleanup. Please call the parish office at 860-224-2411 or Linda Strajkowski at 860-214-3296 with questions or to sign up.

New Britain Council of Catholic Women

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will hold its Holiday lunch on **Thursday November 30th** at 1pm at St. Jerome's. The catered lunch will cost \$20. Please RSVP to Sylvia or Stasia Rulkowski at 860-225-6185. A headcount is needed by Nov. 16th. Feel free to bring a friend. Optional grab bag.

Join St. Francis of Assisi Parish on a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France!

Led by Fr. Eduar Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar

April 8-17, 2024

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For more information, contact Peter's Way Tours

Call: 800-225-7662 Email: peter@petersway.com



Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed most this week is:

TUNA

Additional items needed:

- Cereal
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit/Vegetables
- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Soups
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Meat/Tuna
- Instant Potato and Rice Mixes
- Ramen Noodles
- Mac and Cheese
- Snack Items:
- Cookies, Crackers, etc.

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