

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



*Give thanks
to the Lord
for He is
good.*

Happy Thanksgiving

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 19, 2023



Pastor
Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacon
Alan Bielawski

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Monday-Friday,
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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 12, 2023: \$10,313.15

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of November 12, 2023: 702

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for

Leonard Guzzi

Justin McCarthy

Marie Walsh

and all the recently deceased

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



WOMEN'S CENTER

A local, trusted and confidential pregnancy
resource center: 8 Concord Street, New Britain

Call for a free pregnancy test, ultrasound,
parenting class, post abortive support, or the
D.A.D Program: 860-344-9292

Office is open:

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

Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

www.abcwomenscenter.org

Calendar Notes

Thursday November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Mass will be at 9:00 am

There is no confession or adoration

Friday November 24

Mass will be at 9:00 am

There is no confession or adoration

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

****Please note the Mass Time Changes on Thursday**

11/23 (Thanksgiving) and Friday 11/24**

Monday, November 20

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, November 21

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, November 22

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

Thursday, November 23 *Thanksgiving Day*

****9:00 am:** Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, November 24

****9:00 am:** Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, November 25

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Teodoro Teti

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Kempton & Spencer Morrell

Sunday, November 26

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 Intention, please call the
Parish office at 860-224-2411**

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Elementary, Middle, and High School Students learning and growing in faith during Monday Night Faith Formation Classes



Damage repairs continue at St. Francis Church

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!!!

Advent Retreat Days

JESUS, THE WORD MADE FLESH

Saturdays December 2nd & 9th
from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center
194 Candlewood Hill Rd. Higganum, CT. 06441
The Retreat Director will be Sr. Lany Jo Smith,
ASCJ

Donation of \$35 is asked- includes a continental
breakfast and a full lunch. Reservations are
necessary- register online at:
sacredheartonthelake.org,
email: info@sacredheartonthelake.org,
or call Sr. Lany Jo 203-606-9102

THE NATIVITY STORY (A Film Study)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center
194 Candlewood Hill Rd. Higganum, CT 06441

As you prepare for Christmas would you like to
make Scripture come alive? "The Nativity Story" is
a must see film that helps you identify with Joseph
and Mary. You experience their challenges,
hardships and joys. The birth of Jesus takes on new
meaning as you enter fully into the lives of this
couple. To register call or email Sr. Patricia Cigrand
at 203-606-4830 email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com.
Free will donation welcomed.

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.

O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

An introduction to the Catholic Faith and Sacrament preparation for adults

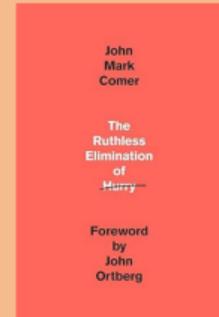
Every other Saturday from 8:45-10:15 am

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)

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World



Outwardly successful yet interiorly a mess, Author and Pastor John Mark Comer sought the advice of a mentor and was told: "Ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life. Hurry is the great enemy of the spiritual life." A growing number of voices are pointing at hurry, or busyness, as a root of much evil. Within the pages of this book, you'll find a fascinating roadmap to staying emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world.

Author: John Mark Comer

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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 3: Why is it important to have a funeral mass?

In moments of loss and death, we are reminded that God truly has created every one of us for eternal life. In a Catholic funeral, rather than simply celebrating someone's life, we commend our loved ones into the mercy and eternity of God. The Catholic funeral reminds us that the grave has been overcome by the death and Resurrection of our Lord, and this offers us true hope in the midst of our sorrow. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "The Christian funeral is a liturgical celebration of the Church. The ministry of the Church in this instance aims at expressing efficacious communion with the deceased, at the participation in that communion of the community gathered for the funeral, and at the proclamation of eternal life to the community." (Paragraph 1684)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend **November 18/19th**, our parish will take up a special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

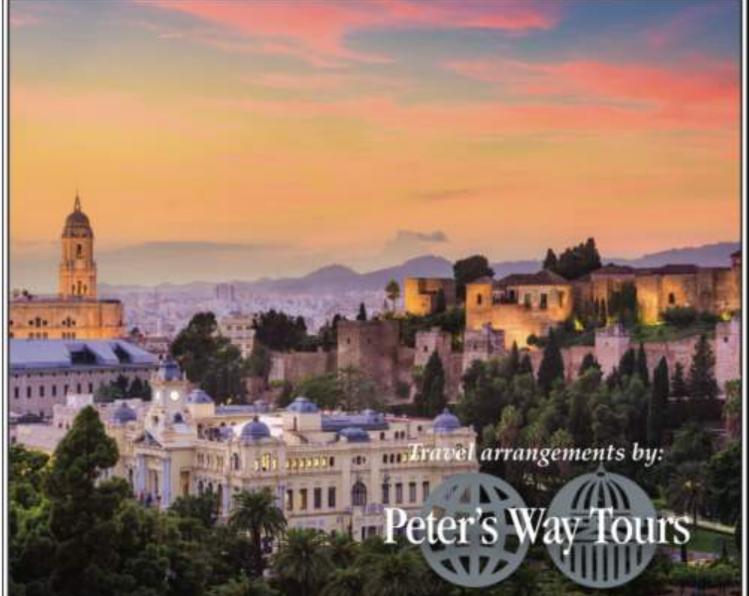
For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights for immigrants—they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies. 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

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

Led by Fr. Eduar Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar

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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

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

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The items needed most are:

- 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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