

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



St. Francis visits TV Mass

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 20, 2022



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**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

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

### **Prayer Line**

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

**November 6, 2022: \$ 16,147.72**

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of November 6, 2022: 677**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

\*Due to the earlier submission deadlines for the bulletin as the holidays approach, the Count and Collection figures will be published as soon as they become available.



**Saturday, November 19**

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

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +John Kurowski**

**Sunday, November 20**

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

**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Kevin Botte**

**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Karl Eckert**

**11:30am: St. Jerome: +Berrios-Ortiz Family**

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

**Monday, November 21**

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

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

**Tuesday, November 22**

**8:00 am: +Dr. Bredan Fox**

**6:00 pm: +Holy Souls of Purgatory**

**Wednesday, November 23**

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

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

**Thursday, November 24**

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

**Friday, November 25**

**9:00 am: +Frank Ricciardi**

**Saturday, November 26**

**8:00 am: St Francis: +Holy Souls in Purgatory**

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Joseph Crowley**

**Sunday, November 27**

**8:00 am: St Francis: +Stanislaw and Marianna Rudosz**

**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Vito Cannamela**

**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Anthony Masiello**

**11:30am: St. Jerome: +Cecile Couture**

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



## **Thanksgiving Day Mass**

Our parish Mass for Thanksgiving Day will be at **9am on Thursday, November 24th** at St. Francis Church. There will be no evening Confession, Holy Hour or Mass

**Friday, November 25th** there will be a **9am Mass** at St. Francis Church. There will be no evening Confession, Holy Hour or Mass.



## CATHOLISM: The New Evangelization

The Catholic Faith is not about myths or legends symbols or literary devices. It's about an encounter so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ. Throughout history the call of Christ has sent people to the corners of the earth with a message of great joy, a message that has built civilizations, inspired cultures, and even sent some to prisons and to their graves.

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## BINGO

**Monday Evenings**  
**St. Jerome Church Hall**  
1010 Slater Rd., New Britain  
Doors open at 5pm  
Games begin at 6:30pm

**\*New Location\***  
**Sunday Afternoons**  
**St. Joseph School**  
195 South Main St., New Britain  
Doors open at 12:30pm  
Games begin at 2pm



### Can I Attend a Weekday Instead of Sunday Mass?

No. Our obligation is to attend Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evening). If someone is unable to fulfill his Sunday obligation for valid reasons, then his obligation to attend is simply abrogated. If someone has missed Mass due to laziness or some other illegitimate reason, then he cannot make up for missing his Sunday obligation by attending a weekday Mass.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/can-i-attend-a-weekday-instead-of-sunday-mass>

### Bingo Kitchen Volunteers Needed

St. Jerome Bingo is looking for volunteers to help in the Kitchen. Cooks are needed to help prepare hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteers are also needed at the kitchen counter to sell coffee, snacks, etc. To volunteer or get more information please contact Julie S at 860-995-3581

**St. Francis Catholic Presents**

*Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles*

**1755 Stanley St, New Britain, CT**

Nov 15, 16, 17 and 18 from 5 pm - 8 pm  
Nov 19 and 20 from 9 am - 6 pm

Talk on  
**Blessed Carlo Acutis**  
and veneration of his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Relic

Sunday, Nov 20 at 2 pm

With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition created by Blessed Carlo presents some of the principal Eucharistic miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. By means of 187 panels, one can virtually visit the places where the miracles took place.



What is a 1st class relic?

- A 1st class relic is part of the person's physical body
- Miracles of healing and conversion are often associated with veneration of relics

Blessed Carlo Acutis did not strive to become famous but rather to cooperate with God's graces as generously as possible. That journey brought him many experiences that were all united by a burning desire to serve God and others.

For more information, call (860) 225-6449

## A Note of Appreciation from Deacon Jim

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I was informed by the Archdiocese that I am to be transferred to another parish. My new assignment, given to me by Archbishop Blair, is going to be at St. Gregory the Great Church (Bristol) and St. Matthew Church (Forestville). It begins on Saturday, November 26, 2022.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as deacon; and, I thank you. Also, I would like to thank Father Casey for the opportunity to carry out diaconal ministry at Divine Providence, St. Francis of Assisi, Holy Apostles, and St. Katharine Drexel Parishes.

I am confident knowing that the Holy Spirit is leading me on as He has when I first felt God calling me to the diaconate more than 24 years ago.

Please pray for me as I will for you.  
Yours in Christ,  
Deacon Jim Arena

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Distribution

Any registered parishioner in need of food assistance during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season should contact the parish office at (860)224-2411. The church will be working with the St. Joseph Food Pantry to help distribute any available resources.

## Volunteers Needed for Fall Clean up and Christmas Decorating

On December 2nd and 3rd 9am-12pm volunteers are needed for leaf raking and Christmas decorating at St. Francis and St. Jerome. Volunteers are asked to bring their own equipment. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Office.



## Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Patron Saint of Music and Musicians c. Third Century

The names of the martyrs listed in the Roman Canon include today's saint, Cecilia. From one perspective, that is all we need to know. She lived. She was martyred. She was remembered. She lived. Cecilia's name was included in the only Eucharistic Prayer then said at Sunday Mass, presumably because she stood out from the many other martyrs for a particular reason. Cecilia's details are lost, for reasons unknown. But the Roman Canon is not lost, and it gathers together some notable virgin martyrs of the first few centuries: "...Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia..."

Cecilia was likely martyred by cuts to her neck after attempts to steam her to death were unsuccessful. She was then buried in a loculus near the papal crypt in the Catacombs of Saint Callixtus. After being the object of devotion in the catacombs for centuries, Cecilia's remains were transferred by the Pope in the early 800s to her own Basilica in the Trastevere neighborhood of Rome. During some restoration work on the Basilica in 1599, Cecilia's body was uncovered and found to be incorrupt. Before contact with the atmosphere caused her fragile, paper-mache like skin to disintegrate, an artist carefully noted what he saw. His sculpture of Saint Cecilia is evocative and justly famous. The marble itself seems to rest in peace. It is not a forward, glorious pose in the Counter-Reformation tradition dominant when the statue was executed. The marble is white, reflecting Cecilia's purity. The sculptor's personal testimony is embedded in the floor near his work: "Behold the body of the Most Holy Virgin, Cecilia, whom I myself saw lying uncorrupt in her tomb..."



## Photo of the Week



**Photos on Right:**  
St. Francis Catholic visits TV Mass



**Photos on left:**  
Msgr. Matera talk on Praying the Psalms in the Voice of Christ



## Special Sale at St. Joseph Continues

We will continue to hold our Special Sale during the coffee and... after the 9:00am Mass. All items currently in stock have been marked down to \$1.00 each. We had many satisfied shoppers this past week, but there are still bargains to be had. Christmas lights and decorations, glass items, adult, young adult and children's books, religious books and items and many eclectic treasures to choose from.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS COUNCIL 31 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

Come to 9:00am Mass, join us for coffee &, and shop, shop, shop!! Sorry, we are not taking donations of items.



## 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



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## St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Cereal  
 Peanut Butter  
 Pasta  
 Pasta Sauce  
 Instant Oatmeal  
 \*Jelly  
 \*Canned soups  
 \*Canned Fruit  
 \*Canned Vegetable  
 Canned Meat/Tuna  
 Instant Potato and Rice Mixes  
 Raman Noodles  
 \*Mac and Cheese  
 Snack Items: cookies, Crackers, etc.

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