

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



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Feast of Christ the King
November 26, 2023



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Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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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

Due to early publishing deadlines because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Count and Collections figures and Mass Attendance for November 19, 2023 will be published as soon as they become available.

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for 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,

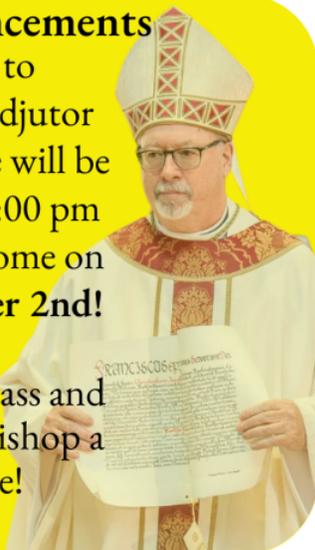
Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

www.abcwomanscenter.org

Announcements

We are pleased to announce that Coadjutor **Archbishop Coyne** will be joining us for the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Jerome on **Saturday December 2nd!**

Please join us for Mass and give the new Archbishop a warm welcome!



Weekly Mass Intentions

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, November 27

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, December 1

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, December 2

8:00 am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishops & Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, December 3

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Viola Carney & the Deceased Members of the Carney Family

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

10:00 am: St. Francis: +John Miklaszewski

11:30 am: St. Jerome: Deceased members of the Berrios, Ortiz, Diaz & Rivera Families

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



CCSU Students celebrate Friendsgiving at the Catholic Center



Fr. Casey and students participate in the CCSU Interfaith Unity Peace Walk





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

First Friday & First Saturday

First Friday:

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday December 1st from 5:00 pm to 8:00 am Saturday at St. Francis

First Saturday:

Join us for the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet for the Sanctification of the priests and bishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford, **Saturday**

December 2nd at 7:00 am (before the 8:00 am Mass) at St. Francis

Immaculate Conception

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Times:

Thursday December 7:
6:00 pm Vigil - St. Francis

Friday December 8:
8:00 am - St. Francis
12:00 pm - St. Jerome
6:00 pm - St. Francis

Christmas Decorating

Volunteers are needed to help put up outdoor decorations at our parish!

Friday December 1st
9am at St. Francis, and continuing to St. Joseph & St. Jerome

Tuesday December 5th
1:00 pm at St. Maurice

To RSVP contact the parish office at 860-224-2411 or parishoffice@stfranciscatholic.org

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.

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An introduction to the Catholic Faith and Sacrament preparation for adults

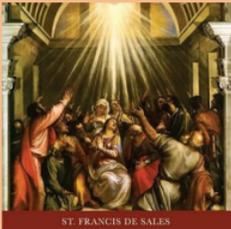
Every other Saturday from 8:45-10:15 am

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)

Intro to the Devout Life



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Whether you are just beginning your spiritual journey or are more advanced in the spiritual life, you'll be able to apply this timeless wisdom immediately. Let St. Francis de Sales illumine the path to holiness and strengthen your desire to walk that road with the Lord, as he teaches about: growing in virtue,

pursuing a devout life whole-heartedly, incorporating prayer and sacraments into a busy schedule, battling wisely against temptation, making spiritual progress through daily, monthly, and yearly exercises and more.

Author: St. Frances de Sales

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Question of the Week Series: Praying for the Dead

Part 4: What does it mean to pray for the dead?

It is a natural human impulse to pray for our loved ones, even when they have passed from this life. Recall that in the book of Maccabees, Judah and his men were retrieving the bodies of fallen comrades when they discovered the men who had fallen were wearing pagan amulets, and so "they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out" (2 Macc. 12:42). The great Christian author C.S. Lewis writes: "Of course I pray for the dead. The action is so spontaneous, so all but inevitable, that only the most compulsive theological case against it would deter me. . . . At our age the majority of those we love best are dead. What sort of intercourse with God could I have if what I love best were unmentionable to Him?" (Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer, 107).

Source: <https://www.catholic.com/audio/ddp/praying-for-the-dead-2>

Save the Date!

Help prepare our churches for Christmas!
We need volunteers to help set up Nativity Scenes:

Tuesday December 19
1:00-3:00 pm at St. Maurice

Friday December 22
9:00 am at St. Francis, St. Joseph & St. Jerome

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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)

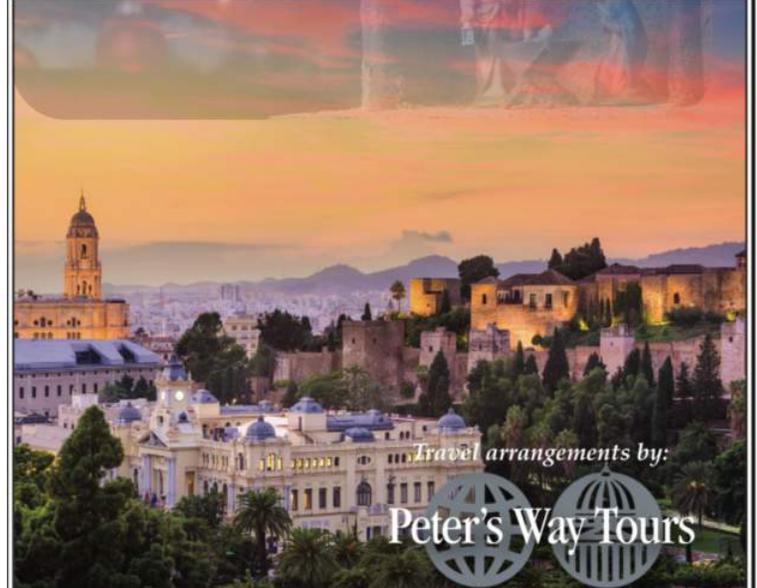
St. Jerome - St. Joseph - St. Francis

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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

New Britain Council of Catholic Women

CORRECTION: Please note that the time for the Luncheon on November 30th begins at **12:00 pm**, not 1:00 pm as previously published.

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed this week is:

Pasta and Pasta Sauce

- Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Canned 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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