

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



Focus Missionaries visit Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022



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Divine Providence Parish at St. Joseph Church

195 South Main St.
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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 13, 2022: \$ 10,260.71

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend
of November 13, 2022: 656**

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 26

8:00 am: St Francis: +Jane Fischetti

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, November 28

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 am: +Holy Souls of Purgatory

6:00 pm: +Barbara Timura

Wednesday, November 29

8:00 am: Special Intention

6:00 pm: Special Intention

Thursday, December 1

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Special Intention

Friday, December 2

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Pro Populo

Saturday, December 3

8:00 am: St Francis: Special Intention

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Hedwig Hryniuk

Sunday, December 4

8:00 am: St Francis: +Romona Luna

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Lori Paradise

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Kathleen and Charles

Bracken and Son and Sundury Family

11:30am: St. Jerome: +Kozlowski Family

A graphic for the Christmas Mass Schedule. It features a dark blue background with a faint, artistic depiction of a nativity scene. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo containing a white cross and a crescent moon. The text is overlaid in white and yellow.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
4:00pm @ St. Jerome
10:00pm @ St. Jerome

Christmas Day
9:00am @ St. Joseph
10:00am @ St. Francis

Ladies' Guild Christmas Party

The Ladies' Guild will be hosting a Potluck Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 13 at St. Francis from 12:30pm-3pm. Anyone Attending is asked to bring their own dish, hors d'oeuvre or dessert, hot or cold, to share. There will also be a \$10 grab bag event. Anyone interested in participating is asked to bring a gift to contribute. The Ladies' Guild will be collection baby items to donate to ABC Women's Center. *Please be sure that any baby gift donations are unwrapped and placed in a gift bag.*

Please RSVP to Lisa at the Parish office with what dish you will be bringing for the event. Hope to see you there!

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



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.

We have the same call - that's the New Evangelization. This documentary series, Bishop Barron's *Word on Fire*, continues the story of CATHOLISM and explores the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture. With the original CATHOLISM series, Bishop Barron took us on a journey around the world deep into the Faith. Now, experience this Faith in action in *CATHOLISM: The New Evangelization*. Please come and join us Mondays at 6:30PM at St. Francis School to explore our faith and traditions.

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.



Has your marriage become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring? Are you thinking of divorce or separation? The Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to improve communication, better resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. For information: call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.com

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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

St. Jerome Bingo is looking for volunteers to help in the Kitchen. To volunteer or get more information please contact Julie S at 860-995-3581

New Location

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



Mass Every Day?

Yes, it is perfectly acceptable to attend Mass everyday. In fact, many people do just that. The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily (CCC 1389).

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/mass-every-day>



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.



Vocations

God is calling men to the priesthood.

The Office of Vocations can help you hear God's voice and discern His will for your life. If you think God is calling you the time to act is now! To talk about a priestly vocation, contact Fr. Michael Casey, Vocation Director, 860-761-7456.

Pastoral Care Ministry

We are most eager to help anyone who is unable to join us at Mass because of illness, handicap or age. Any parishioner in need of anointing of the sick or sacramental care at, assisted living, hospital or care facility, please call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 and we will be happy to arrange a visit.



Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone who is ill, has lost a loved one or is struggling with difficult life situations and could use some comfort? If so, please consider giving them a blessed prayer shawl. There are many colors to choose from. Please stop by the parish office if you would like one. The prayer shawls are given at no charge.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 31 PRESENTS A

Winter Clothing Drive

November 12 - December 4

*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**

**SOCKS (white and gray crew) - GLOVES - HATS -
SCARVES - HAND WARMERS - DEODORANT**

DROP OFF LOCATIONS (at the church entrance)

St. Jerome - St. Joseph - St. Francis

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!



Saint Andrew the Apostle

Patron Saint of Scotland, Greece, fishermen, sailors, and spinsters
First Century

Andrew was a fisherman from Bethsaida in Northern Israel. He lived on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, which is really a lake, where many of Jesus' miracles took place. Andrew was first a disciple of John the Baptist. Andrew was at John's side when a man whom John had recently baptized walked by. "Look, here is the Lamb of God," John exclaimed (Jn 1:36). Andrew was curious and, along with a few of John's other disciples, followed the mysterious man. The next day Andrew breathlessly told his brother Simon "We have found the Messiah" (Jn 1:41) and brought him to Jesus, who renamed Simon as Peter. From that point forward, Andrew became one of Jesus' most reliable Apostles, a leader among the Twelve. There are various traditions about where Andrew evangelized after the Ascension of the Lord, with most focusing on Greece, Turkey, and north of the Black Sea.

The Apostles were mostly simple, intelligent, hardworking men whose outstanding characteristics were courage and daring. Many people who could have followed the Lord did not. The Apostles did not abandon their lives to follow Jesus because their lives were miserable. It was a question of more. More meaning. More truth. More fulfillment. More challenge. More daring. There is nothing wrong with a good life, but there is something better about a great life. Andrew renounced his father, his boat, his nets, and all that was known and comfortable. He traded what was good for what was better. And for that generosity and daring we remember him today, so many centuries later.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/november-30-st-andrew-apostle/>

Photos of the Week

Focus Missionaries visit Gettysburg and Mount St. Mary Seminary



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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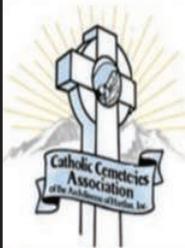
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