

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



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Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 5, 2023



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Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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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

October 29, 2023: \$11,613.44

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of October 29, 2023: 634

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*



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resource center:
8 Concord Street, New Britain

Call for a free pregnancy test, ultrasound,
parenting class, post abortive support, or the
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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

We are excited to once again partner with the
ABC Women's Center for their fall Baby
Bottle Drive! We will be collecting the bottles
at all Masses next weekend of **November
11/12**. Thank you for your generosity in
supporting this important local ministry!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4

8:00 am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop & priests
of the Archdiocese of Hartford

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

Sunday, November 5

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Gary Lee Wohlscheid, +George &
Robert Beeks

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Frank Fisicaro & Family

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Santo & Domenica Calafiore

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +William J. McNamara

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, November 6

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 am: +Marcelina & Mana Klim

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, November 10

8:00 am: +Bernice & Dorothy Klim

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: Intention of the Celebrant

11:30 am: St. Jerome: Special Intention

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Food Pantry volunteers sort and stock the shelves. Thank you to all who donated cereal following the announcement at Mass!



College Students dress up for the 5F Halloween Party!



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*

*PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTED LOCATIONS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

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**JOIN OUR VOCATIONS
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**6pm on November 16th, @ St Anthony church hall
111 School Street Bristol, CT 06010**

Night of discernment with priests and religious sisters
Open to all men and women discerning their vocations



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

Soon 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 that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd

What Scripture Teaches about the Eucharist

This year the Church in the United States is observing a yearlong celebration of the Eucharist that will culminate in a national Eucharistic Congress. To prepare for this “Year of the Eucharist,” Monsignor Frank Matera, who helps us on weekends, is offering a four-week series that examines what the Scriptures teaches about the Eucharist.

Please join us for the final class, held at **St Francis School Hall** this Monday at 6:30 pm!

The Eucharist and the Body of Christ, the Church (November 6)

will focus on what St. Paul says about the Eucharist and it’s meaning for our life in community as the Body of Christ.

O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

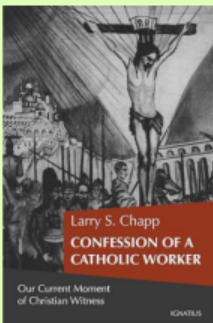
An introduction to the Catholic Faith and Sacrament preparation for adults

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)



Confession of a Catholic Worker: Our Moment of Christian Witness

For author Larry Chapp, crisis is the norm of Christian existence. In a world choked by greed, the Gospel calls for radical love and radical living according to the Sermon on the Mount. Chapp argues that the remedy to sin is not niceness, political liberation, fancy liturgical dress, nor technical rigor, but a free decision to live totally, joyfully in Jesus Christ, without compromise. Each Christian must, in the crucial hour, choose Jesus over all things. Everything hinges on the moment of Christian witness.

Author: Larry Chapp

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Question of the Week Series: Praying for the Dead

Part 1: Why do we pray for the dead?

Praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy rooted in biblical tradition. In the Old Testament’s Second book of Maccabees, we see Judas Maccabeus and his men pray for the fallen soldiers, indicating their belief in the importance of prayers for the deceased. In our time the Catechism of the Catholic Church upholds this biblical precedent and highlights the importance of praying for the dead as a way to assist in their spiritual journey through the final purification as they reach union with God, and which beautifully demonstrates the bond between the living and the dead in the communion of saints, calling it a “holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead” (CCC paragraph 958).

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.

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 will resume next Monday November 13.

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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Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed most this week is:

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Additional items needed:

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- 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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