

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



Welcome Archbishop Coyne!

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 15, 2023



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Parochial Vicar
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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.
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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

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 8, 2023: \$12,646.58

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of October 8, 2023: 641

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for

Peter Spano
Dewey Main Jr.
Donna Mobley
Gaetana Oliva
Alfred Castellani
Mary Sipala

and all the recently deceased

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



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Second Collection: World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, October 22, there will be a
second collection as we unite with the global
Church in celebrating World Mission
Sunday. This year, Pope Francis gives us the
theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move".

This important collection will bolster the
missionaries working in Africa, Asia,
the Pacific Islands, and part of Latin
America and Europe.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Emily & Joseph Rudnansky

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Matthew Petraniuk

Sunday, October 15

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

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Natalina, Luigi, & Frank Sequenzia

10:00 am: St. Francis: +John & Jane Wilhelmy

11:30 am: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, October 16

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, October 17

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, October 18

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, October 19

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, October 20

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, October 21

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

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

Sunday, October 22

8:00 am: St. Francis: Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Thomas James Luddy

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Paul Albert

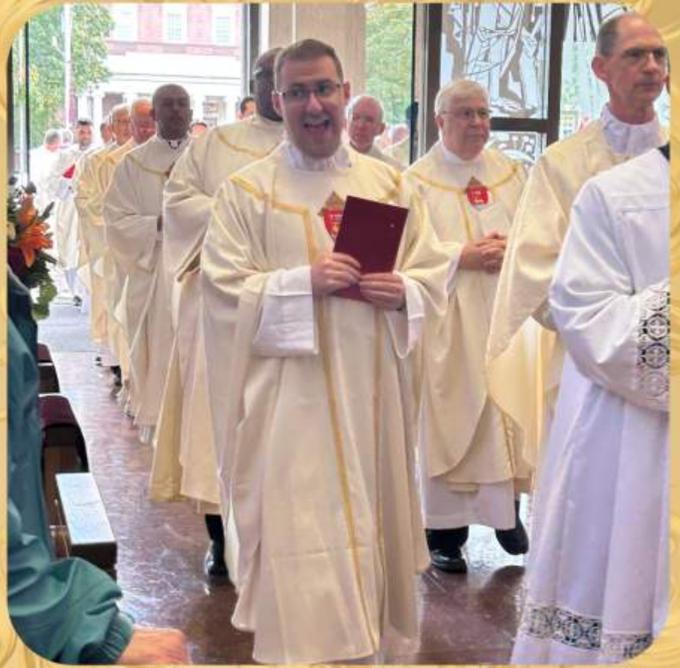
11:30 am: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Parishioners attend the Welcome Mass for Archbishop Coyne!



Archbishop Coyne's Welcome Mass continued



Congratulations to Angela Markowski & Jacob Therrien on their wedding last weekend!



Congratulations to Uriah Renice Martin who was baptized last weekend at St. Jerome!

Fall Cleanup: Caring for our Parish

Our fall cleanup continues! We need volunteers to join us for raking and pruning (please bring a rake or pruning shears if possible). Please sign up with the parish office so we can have an accurate headcount.

Contact the parish office at 860-224-2411 or parishoffice@stfranciscatholic.org.

Cleanup sessions are from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cleanup Schedule:

Friday October 20: Newman House

Saturday October 21: St. Francis

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

Led by Fr. Eduar Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar

April 8-17, 2024

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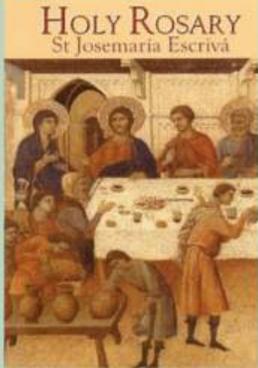
Every other Saturday from 8:45-10:15 am

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)

Holy Rosary



In this book of meditations on the mysteries of the Rosary, St. Josemaria reveals the secret of overcoming monotony and routine when praying it, and portrays each Mystery with illuminating eyes of faith, helping you become contemplative when you pray. This book is small enough to carry with you and use whenever you have a moment for prayer. As St. Josemaria says: "To say the Holy Rosary, is a continuous act of faith, hope and love, of adoration and reparation."

Author:
St. Josemaria Escriva

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Question of the Week Series: The Rosary Part 3: Why should I pray the Rosary?

The Rosary is a prayer recommended by the Magisterium of the Church; it has within itself the depth of the whole Gospel message. Moreover, the Virgin Mary herself, when she appeared on earth, encouraged the recitation of this prayer. On May 13, 1917, in her first apparition at Fatima, Mary said: "Pray the Rosary every day for the peace of the world and the end of the war" and in her last apparition at Fatima the Mother of God presented herself as the "Lady of the Rosary." The Church believes that the Blessed Mother of God continues exercising her maternal office in Heaven, so it is natural for Christians to turn to her to ask her for their needs and entrust their concerns to her.

Credit: <https://opusdei.org/en-us/article/what-is-the-rosary/>

Youth Faith Formation Fall Classes Have Started

****There's still time to register!****

Meets Monday evenings at St. Francis School
First Grade through High School

Online Registration is Available
Scan the QR Code or find us at

www.stfranciscatholic.org and click

Faith Formation

Contact Karyl Beloin, DRE,
at Karyl@stfranciscatholic.org
for more information



New Britain Council of Catholic Women

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will be meeting on **Thursday, October 19th at 1:00 pm** in Saint Jerome's Church. The meeting will feature Good Cause/Futures, Inc. as well as a pop-up store at the end of the presentation as well as a sampling of their baked goods for refreshments.

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. This series will be held at **St Francis School Hall, 6:30 pm, on the Monday's of October 16, 23, 30 & November 6.**

The Eucharist Foreshadowed in the Old Testament (October 16)

will consider how certain people and events of the Old Testament foreshadow the gift of the Eucharist.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand in the Wilderness (October 23)

shows how the feeding of the 5000 foreshadows the Eucharist and deepens our understanding of this gift.

Jesus the Bread of Life (October 30)

will showcase what Jesus's discourse on the Bread of Life (John 6) teaches about the reality of the Eucharist.

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.

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

St. Joseph's Food Pantry

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 10:30

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Monetary donations & gift cards are also accepted. Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. In special need of starred(*) items

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.

Please Note: This series will be on pause October 16 - November 6 due to Msgr. Matera's Classes on the Eucharist and will resume on Monday November 13.

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