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### **Divine Providence Parish at St. Joseph Church**

195 South Main St.  
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655 East St.  
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### **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

1755 Stanley St.  
New Britain, CT 06053

### **St. Katharine Drexel Parish at**

#### **St. Jerome Church**

1010 Slater Rd.  
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### **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

**October 9, 2022: \$11,319.76**

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of October 9,2022: 608**

Thank you to all who support our parish.



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

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

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



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**Saturday, October 15:**

**8:00 am: St Francis: Intention of the Celebrant**  
**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Matthew Petraniuk**

**Sunday, October 16:**

**8:00 am: St Francis: Intention of the Celebrant**  
**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Thomas J. Luddy**  
**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Andrew Folsom**  
**11:30am: St. Jerome: +Robert Bruzas**

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

**Monday, October 17:**

**8:00 am: Pro Populo**  
**6:00 pm: +Thomas J. Luddy**

**Tuesday, October 18:**

**8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant**  
**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Wednesday, October 19:**

**8:00 am: +Michael Kron**  
**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Thursday, October 20:**

**8:00 am: Special Intention**  
**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Friday, October 21:**

**8:00 am: Special Intention**  
**6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant**

**Saturday, October 22:**

**8:00 am: St Francis: +John Nesci**  
**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Dorothy Dube**

**Sunday, October 23:**

**8:00 am: St Francis: +Denise Carrier**  
**9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Ester Nadeau**  
**10:00 am: St. Francis: +Marek Roszkowski**  
**11:30am: St. Jerome: +Richard Simpson**

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



## ABC Women's Center – Fall Baby Bottle Drive 2022

We are excited to announce our participation in the ABC Women's Center Fall Baby Bottle Drive starting Sunday, October 16th through Sunday, October 30th. ABC is a faith-based pregnancy resource center that equips women and men with life-affirming free pregnancy, parenting, and post-abortive support. Every year, they serve over 700 women and men with free medical, educational and material support. We want to help equip them to serve more and more families in our area. That's why we have partnered with this ministry to host a baby bottle drive during the "40 Days for Life Campaign." We invite you to join this fundraiser to help raise funds and awareness of their cause and further their reach in New Britain.

1. Pick up an empty baby bottle on your way out of Mass,
2. Fill it with spare change, cash, or checks, or use the QR code to make a direct donation,
3. Return the filled bottle to the church by Sunday, October 30th,
4. Put the bottle in the designed box at the back of the church.

Thank you for your generosity.

## QA Forgiveness of Venial Sins?

Venial sins can be forgiven in several ways:

- The sacrament of confession
- Worthy reception of Communion
- Sincere act of contrition
- Penance
- Fasting
- Almsgiving

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/venial-sin-forgiveness>

4 ll [www.stfranciscatholic.org](http://www.stfranciscatholic.org)



## Praying the Psalms in the Voice of Christ

The Book of Psalms is the prayer book of the Church in which we find prayers of praise and complaint that express the full range of human emotions. In this four-part series, Monsignor Frank Matera introduces us to the Book of Psalms and the different kinds of psalms found in the Psalter. As he introduces us to the psalms, he will show us how to pray them with Christ and in the voice of Christ. This series will be held on the Monday nights of October 17 and 24, and November 7 and 14, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, at St. Francis Church.

Monsignor Frank Matera is a senior priest of the Archdiocese who assists us on weekends. He taught Biblical Studies at St. John's Seminary in Boston and at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC for thirty years.

### 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

## Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center Events

DVD Spiritual Book Club “SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES” DVD Series by Bishop Robert Barron. Four Wednesdays, October 26th, November 9th, 16th, 22nd from 10:00–11:30am. To register, call Sr. Patricia Cigrand at 203-606-4830 or email [cigrandpatricia@gmail.com](mailto:cigrandpatricia@gmail.com) Suggested donation- \$10 donation per session.

RETREAT DAY- Recognizing Jesus through the Eucharist on our life road with Him. Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00 to 3:00. \$35.- Full Luncheon included. Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith.

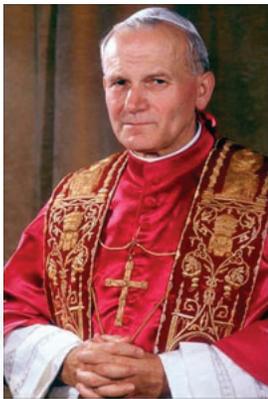
This same retreat will also be offered on Saturday, November 12 th. For more information go to their website calendar, at [www.sacredheartontheLake.org](http://www.sacredheartontheLake.org) or contact Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. (203) 606-9102. The Address for Sacred Heart on the Lake is 194 Candlewood Hill Rd. Higganum, Ct. 06441

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends

For healing after abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **October 21 - 23, 2022 in Farmington, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance.

For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).



## St. John Paul II (the Great), Pope

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1920 – 2005

Carolus Joseph Wojtyła was a titan. He was all things—a highly educated European intellectual, a philosophy professor with two Doctorates, a mystic of intense spirituality, a working bishop of a large and dynamic Archdiocese behind the iron curtain, a Cardinal whose counsel was valued by the Pope, an active contributor at the Second Vatican Council, a polyglot, and a world traveler. Adding to this embarrassment of riches, he was an athlete and outdoorsman, had palpable charisma, an open personality, a manly presence, vast circles of lay friends, a resonant voice, and he was just 58 years old when elected. Never had a conclave of Cardinals made a bolder, wiser choice. That John Paul II was the first Slavic pope, and the first non-Italian in centuries, was also interesting and became more significant as his papacy unfolded. The times and the man were a match. He was simply the perfect man for the hour and his long papacy disappointed in almost nothing.

The catalogue of accomplishments of John Paul II, both before and after his papal election, is long. He wrote profoundly on every subject: Saint Mary, the Trinity, the Church's social teachings, suffering, Christ, work, moral theology, philosophy, and on and on. Every subject found ample space to grow in his capacious mind. His personal narrative was also compelling. He had personally experienced the effects of the twentieth century's twin horrors, Nazism and Communism, both efforts to create a perfect society without regard for God or man's dignity.

## 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

## BINGO

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

**Sunday Afternoons**  
**St. John the Evangelist**  
655 East St., New Britain  
Doors open at 12:30pm  
Games begin at 2pm

## Second Collection

On the weekend of October 22 and 23 there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday

## Hospitality Ministers needed

If you are interested in helping with one or more of the following needs of the parish by:

- Welcoming people to Mass
- Assisting with needs during Mass
- Greeting people as they leave
- Getting the church for the next Mass
- Helping with social events after Mass

Please contact the parish office. Thank you!

## Photo of the Week



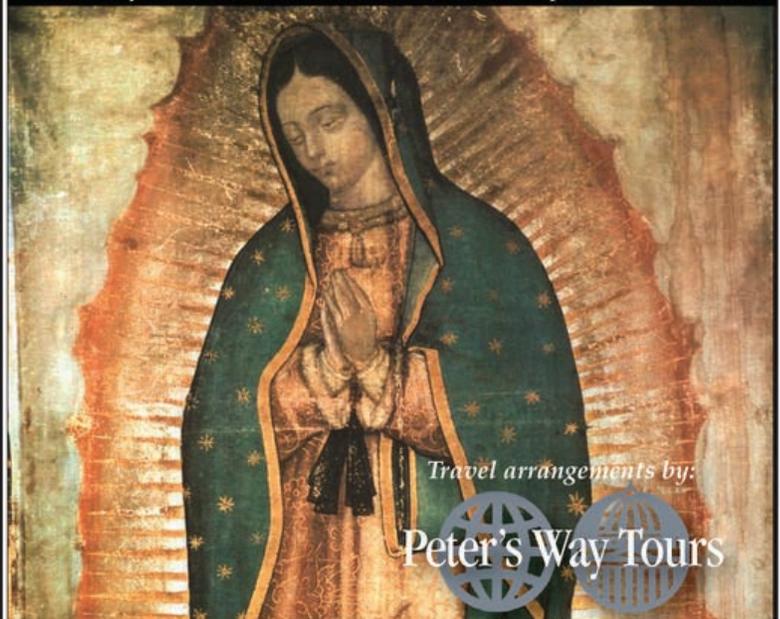
Blessing of the  
Animals at  
St. Francis Church

## Join St. Francis of Assisi Church on a 7-Day Pilgrimage to Mexico!

*Fr. Michael Casey, Pastor*  
*Fr. Eduar Gutierrez, Parochial Vicar*

**May 21–27, 2023**

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## 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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[www.abcwomanscenter.org](http://www.abcwomanscenter.org)

## 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  
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