

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



Partial roof replacement work begins at St. Francis

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 29, 2023



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Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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Alan Bielawski

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Monday-Friday,
9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

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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

October 22, 2023: \$12,474.86

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

World Mission Sunday Collection: \$2,224

Mass Attendance for the weekend of October 22, 2023: 671

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for

Rolande R. Albert

Janice M. Koley

and all the recently deceased

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



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.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! Baby bottles will be available to take home after all masses this weekend. We will be collecting them at all Masses on the weekend of November 11/12. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this important local ministry!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 28

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Wilfredo Cotto & Justo Rodriguez

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Kathleen Conlin

Sunday, October 29

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Stephanie Brackett

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Michael Cistulli

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Diane Carson

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis*

Please note the additional Mass times & locations for the Holy Day

Monday, October 30

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, October 31

8:00 am: Special Intention

6:00 pm: (All Saints Vigil) Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, November 1 *All Saints Day*

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

12:00 pm: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, November 2 *All Souls Day*

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm St. Francis: MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Friday, November 3

8:00 am: +Felix Cruz

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

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Thank you to the volunteers who came out last weekend for our final Fall Cleanup, at St. Francis Church! Once again thank you to all the volunteers who have participated in the fall clean up of all our parishes these last several weeks, your help in beautifying our grounds and churches is deeply appreciated!



Congratulations to Jeffrey Schomberg and Cristina Cardenas Santos on their wedding celebrated at St. Francis!



Parishioners attend Msgr. Matera's Monday night talk on the Eucharist at St. Francis

First Friday & First Saturday

First Friday:

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday November 3rd 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 November 4th** at 7:00 am (before the 8:00 am Mass) at St. Francis

All Saints Day

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Times:

Tuesday October 31:
6:00 pm Vigil - St. Francis

Wednesday November 1:
8:00 am - St. Francis
12:00 pm - St. Jerome
6:00 pm - St. Francis

Mass of Remembrance

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2
6:00 PM AT ST. FRANCIS

In remembrance of all parishioners who have passed away in the last year

Vocations Night

Join Vocations Director Fr. Anthony Federico for a Vocation Night on **Thursday November 16th**, 6:00 pm at St. Anthony Church Hall in Bristol!
(111 School Street, Bristol, CT 06010)

This night of discernment with priests and religious sisters is open to all men and women discerning their vocations.

INFORMATION • INSPIRATION • INVITATION

Legion of Mary Shawl Winners

The winners of the Afghan Drawing for the Legion of Mary's table on October 8th are: **James** (St. Francis), **Bella** (St. Jerome), & **Tina** (St. Joseph).
Congratulations to our winners!

Praying for our Priests

Think about the greatness of the Holy Priesthood in our Church, about their power to consecrate simple bread into the Body, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the tremendous responsibility of the priests with regard to the eternal destiny of the immortal souls which are entrusted to their care.

Please support our priests in their responsibility through your daily prayers. Please take one of the "Apostolate of Prayer for Priests" calendar located near the bulletins. This calendar designates a specific day to remember particular priests from the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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

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." (1 Peter 3:15)

John Paul II



Rosarium
Virginis Mariae

APOSTOLIC LETTER
ON THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Author:

Pope Saint John Paul II

Letter on the Rosary

This Apostolic Letter, written by Pope Saint John Paul II, emphasizes the importance of the Rosary as a powerful prayer and a means to meditate on the life of Christ and the Virgin Mary. It's also where he introduces the Luminous Mysteries, to enrich the traditional fifteen mysteries, encouraging the faithful to contemplate the entire life of Christ. Theological, yet easily readable, this letter is an invitation to understand the Holy Rosary on a deeper level.

Available on the Vatican's website at www.vatican.va, search "Rosarium Virginis Mariae on the most Holy Rosary"

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PLEASE NOTE: VENMO SHOULD BE USED FOR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH. MASS INTENTIONS MUST BE PAID CASH OR CHECK TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

Question of the Week Series: The Rosary

Part 5: Why are there mysteries?

"[From joyful to luminous, sorrowful to glorious], the cycles of meditation proposed by the Rosary are not exhaustive, but bring to mind what is essential and awaken in the soul a thirst for a knowledge of Christ. Every individual event in the life of Christ, as narrated by the Evangelists, is resplendent with the Mystery that surpasses all understanding: the Mystery of the Word made flesh. For this reason the Catechism places great emphasis on the mysteries of Christ, pointing out that "everything in the life of Jesus is a sign of his Mystery." The Letter to the Ephesians makes this prayer for all the baptized: "May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have power... to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (3:17-19). The Rosary is at the service of this ideal; it offers the "secret" which leads to a profound, inward knowledge of Christ." - Pope St. John Paul II

Source: http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/2002/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_20021016_rosarium-virginis-mariae.html

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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For more information, contact Peter's Way Tours

Call: 800-225-7662 Email: peter@petersway.com



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

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

Food Pantry Shopping List

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

The item needed most this week is:

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

Additional items needed:

Cereal

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Instant Oatmeal

Canned Soups

Canned Fruit/Vegetable

Canned Meat/Tuna

Instant Potato and Rice Mixes

Ramen Noodles

Mac and Cheese

Snack Items:

Cookies, Crackers, etc.

Monetary donations & gift cards are also appreciated. Donations may be brought to any of our open churches. Thank you for your support!

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.

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 23, 30 & November 6.**

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.

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