

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



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27th Sunday In Ordinary Time
October 2, 2022



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Please join our email notification system which alerts parishioners to changes or cancellations in scheduling due to inclement weather or other unforeseen events. This will be the primary way to communicate to 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.**

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.
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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1755 Stanley St.
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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

September 25, 2022: \$10,586.80

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

**Mass Attendance for the weekend
of September 25, 2022: 623**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

St. Joseph Food Pantry Re-Opening

St. Joseph Food Pantry will have it's reopening on

**Tuesday, October 4th at 9am
at St. Joseph School**

Entrance to the parking lot is on Edson St.

Ladies Guild Meeting

The next meeting for the Ladies Guild will be held at the **Domestic Monastery** on Route 10 in Avon, CT on **October 11**. We will meet in the St. Francis parking lot at 12:30 to set up a carpool and leave at 12:45pm. The Monastery is an outdoor facility that hosts groups and meetings. After a brief Meeting, and a picnic with beverages and light snacks you will be able to visit the gift shop, stroll the grounds or just relax and enjoy the scenery. At the gift shop you will find antiques, and curated Religious articles and books. Jewelry made by local artisans will be available.

To make reservations and/or volunteer to drive please call Mary L. at (860)225-4571 or Dottie K. at (860)225-7533. Should the meeting get cancelled due to rain you will be notified through the parish website by phone call. Please Join us!



Saturday, October 1:

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

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

Sunday, October 2:

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

9:00 am: St. Joseph: Intention of the Celebrant

10:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, October 3:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

***8:30am-9:30am Holy Hour at St. Francis**

***No evening Mass or confession**

Tuesday, October 4: Feast of St. Francis

***No Morning Mass or confession**

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

***No evening Mass or Holy Hour**

Wednesday, October 5:

***No Morning Mass or confession**

6:00 pm: +Gregory Klimaszewski

***Evening Holy Hour, Mass and confession as normal**

Thursday, October 6:

8:00 am: Souls of Purgatory in honor of Sacred Heart

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, October 7:

8:00 am: +Gregory Klimaszewski

6:00 pm: Pro Populo

Saturday, October 8:

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

4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Robert Bruzas

Sunday, October 9:

8:00 am: St Francis: +Carol Lea

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Maryellen Kindelan

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Maura Corr

11:30am: St. Jerome: +Evelyn Beauchene

CRAFT, TAG, & BAKE SALE
Saturday, Oct 15th 9:00 to 1:00
St. Joseph School
Edson Street, New Britain, CT
Come and enjoy treasures old & new, have a light
lunch, and make new friends!
Bake sale proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus
Council 31 activities and outreach.

Blessing of the animals

Bring your beloved pets to be blessed in honor of the feast day of our patron

October 8, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.
St. Francis Church Parking Lot



Special Schedules

Monday October 3

8:00 am Mass and confession as normal
8:30-9:30 am Holy Hour at St. Francis Church
No Evening Mass or confession

Tuesday October 4:

Feast of St. Francis

No morning Mass or confession
6:00 pm Mass with Music at St. Francis Church
No evening Holy Hour or confessions

Wednesday October 5

No morning Mass or confession
Evening Holy Hour, confessions,
and Mass as normal



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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 PM
Cathedral of Saint Joseph | Hartford, CT

All those in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2022 are invited to join Archbishop Blair for this special anniversary Mass.

Couples can register to attend online at archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass

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

St. John's Tree of Life

The Tree of life Memorial Plaque that was hung at St. John the Evangelist has been taken down. All leaf plaques are available for pickup at the parish office. Any parishioners who have paid for a leaf plaque and wish to keep it as a memento can call the parish office to pick it up.

Q&A When Is Drinking a Mortal Sin?

Abusing intoxicating drinks is a grave sin if it deprives the drinker of the use of reason. This means that the drinker no longer has the freedom necessary to deliberate responsibly about what he should do or not do. Of course, in order to be a grave sin the excessive drinking has to be deliberate, not simply a surprise based on lack of foresight.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/when-is-drinking-a-mortal-sin>

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

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, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



St. Francis of Assisi

Patron Saint of animals, ecology & merchants. Co-patron of Italy
1182 – 1226

Giovanni (John) in his original name, but well known as Francesco, or “Frenchy.” He grew up in a middle-class home that engaged in the sale of fine cloth. Francis was a skilled merchant in the family business, but he enjoyed spending money more than earning it. When he was twenty, Francis joined a civic-minded Assisi militia in a battle against a neighboring city. He was held prisoner in a rank dungeon for a year before the ransom was paid. He returned to Assisi a more reflective man. Subsequent military service for the Papal States ended abruptly when Francis heard a voice tell him, “Follow the master rather than the man.”

Shortly after this turning point, Francis met a leper on the outskirts of Assisi. He initially recoiled, but then dismounted, gave the man some money, and kissed his putrid hand. This was the start of his frequent visits to leper houses and hospitals. When Francis heard a voice from the cross say to him, “Francis, go and repair my church, which as you can see is in ruins,” he sold a large amount of cloth and his father’s horse at a neighboring market town. Coming back to Assisi, he donated the proceeds to a priest at the church of San Damiano on the outskirts of Assisi.

He lives alone in absolute poverty, prays, helps the sick, rebuilds nearby run-down chapels, preaches and begs in Assisi. Men begin to follow his lead, and the first fire of the worldwide Franciscan order ignites. The “Lesser Brothers of Assisi” is recognized by the Pope, Francis is ordained a deacon, and the Order’s explosive growth can only be called miraculous. Francis died in his forty-fourth year and was canonized just two years later, in 1228.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/october-4--st-francis-of-assisi/>

Photo of the Week



Top Left Photo:
Congratulations to
Tori Costanzo, Confirmed
on Sept. 18th.

Top Right photos:
Deacon Joe Kane celebrates
his last Mass at St. Joseph



Bottom Left Photo: Choir practice at St. Jerome

Bottom Center photo: Fr. Casey's young Adult
reading group for Love and Responsibility

Bottom Right photo: Fr. Casey and Maddie speaking
at Theology on Tap in Cheshire



CATHOLICISM: 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.

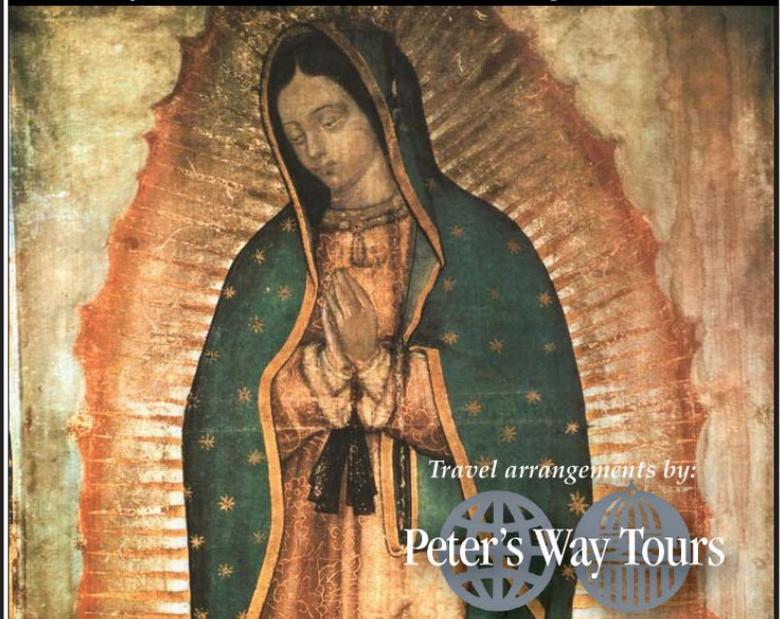
We have the same call - that's the New Evangelization. This documentary series from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire, continues the story of CATHOLICISM and explores the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture. With the original CATHOLICISM series, Bishop Barron took us on a journey around the world deep into the Faith. Now, experience this Faith in action in CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization. Please come and join us for the Next Mondays (Sept. 19th-Oct. 10th) at 6:30 PM at St. Francis School to explore our faith and traditions.

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

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

Snack Items: cookies, Crackers, etc.

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