

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



Campus Ministry Kickoff 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 10, 2023



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Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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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](mailto: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

September 3, 2023: \$11,759.52

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of September 3, 2023: 635

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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### Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour

**Sunday September 10**

2:00 pm at St. Francis Church

Join us for: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
Investiture of the Brown Scapular and a blessing  
with a 1st class relic of St. Faustina.

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 9**

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

**4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Evelyn Chudzik

**Sunday, September 10**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Jackie & Carter Cocida

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Kevin Botte

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +Rachel Lee Homar

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** +Salvatore Petrillo; Gino, Maria &  
Eugenio Ricciardi

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

**Monday, September 11**

**8:00 am:** Pro Populo

**Tuesday, September 12**

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

**Wednesday, September 13**

**8:00 am:** +Msgr. David Joyce

**Thursday, September 14**

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

**Friday, September 15**

**8:00 am:** +Emilia Francalangia

**Saturday, September 16**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Isabel Lorraine Gauthier

**4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Stephen Gurr

**Sunday, September 17**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Rosalie Rizzo

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** Deceased Members of the Hamel  
Family

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +Donald & Maureen Cliche

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** +Henry Bernacki

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


# Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Photos Clockwise from Top Left: Baptism of Kaden Bates at St. Jerome; The parish celebrates sacristan and long time dedicated volunteer Al Rozman's birthday; CCSU students and FOCUS visit Mystic, CT as part of the campus ministry kickoff (4 photos); Center: Fr. Casey celebrates his 10 year ordination anniversary reunion with seminary classmates

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
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**Youth Faith Formation Registration for Fall Classes is Open**

*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](http://www.stfranciscatholic.org) and click  
 Faith Formation*

*Contact Karyl Beloin, DRE,  
 at [Karyl@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:Karyl@stfranciscatholic.org)  
 for more information*




**New Day Seminar for the Bereaved**

Ongoing on Thursdays until November 2  
 6:30 – 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart on the Lake, 194  
 Candlewood Hill Rd., Higganum, CT 06441

This seminar helps the bereaved with the tasks of grieving. The topics of each session allow the individuals to share their grief story, and to learn about the grieving process and its tasks for healing in a confidential and safe setting. Listening to others gives the participant a perspective with which to begin healing. The price of the book used for the sessions is \$10.00. To register call or email Sr. Patricia Cigrand, ASCJ at 203-606-4830 or email: [cigrandpatricia@gmail.com](mailto:cigrandpatricia@gmail.com).





Campus Ministry Labor Day Cookout

### Reason for Hope

*"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1Peter 3:15)*



### Pints with Aquinas Podcast

If you could sit down with St. Thomas Aquinas over a pint of beer and ask him any one question, what would it be? Every episode of Pints With Aquinas revolves around a question, a question that St. Thomas addresses in his most famous work, *The Summa Theologica*. So get your geek on, pull up a bar stool, and grab a cold one. Here we go!

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## O.C.I.A.

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

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## Family Fall Festival

*Enjoy the beauty of fall as a parish family in a pumpkin spiced paradise*

Sunday October 1, 2023

St. Jerome Campus

After the 11:30 am Mass

Food Served 12:30 - 2:00 pm

*Details  
Coming Soon!*

## VENMO US!

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### Ladies Guild Meeting

The first meeting of the year is this **Tuesday, September 12th, 1:00-3:00 pm** at the **St. Jerome Church hall**, which will include a presentation by Kate Keefe, Occupational Therapist, and an ice cream social. All women of the parish are invited to attend and bring a friend!

*Presenter Kate Keefe holds a clinical doctorate in occupational therapy with a focus on education and aging. She has worked for 26 years as an OT and is passionate on prevention in serving people at risk for dementia, persons living with dementia as well as their caregivers. Kate works for LiveWell as Director of Wellbeing and Healthy Lifestyle Innovations.*

### New 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.*

## Fall Cleanup: Caring for our Parish

Help freshen our parish grounds for fall! We need volunteers to join us for raking and pruning (please bring a rake or pruning shears if possible). We are asking volunteers to 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.

**\*\*All cleanup sessions will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm\*\***

### Cleanup Schedule:

Friday September 22: St. Peter

Saturday September 23: St. John

Friday September 29: St. Joseph

Saturday September 30: St. Jerome

Friday October 20: Newman House

Saturday October 21: St. Francis

*The fruit of love  
is service,  
which is compassion  
in action.*

ST. MOTHER TERESA

### 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

\*Cereal, Nut Butter, \*Jelly, 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 accepted. Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. In special need of starred(\*) items

### St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church c. 347 – 407

*Patron Saint of preachers and speakers*



Saint John Chrysostom was from Antioch, that "Metropolis of heresy" in Saint John Henry Newman's words, where Arianism was bred, thrived, and died during John's life. Yet in spite of this, he delved into

Scripture and the existing Christian tradition, along with other great Saints such as Ambrose and Athanasius, to carve out what is today known as the deposit of faith. John received an excellent education in the liberal arts and was baptized at the age of eighteen, in keeping with the custom of adult baptism common to his era. He joined a rustic group of hermits in the hills outside of his hometown in his mid-twenties. The conditions were so physically and psychologically brutal, though, that he left after seven years. He was ordained a priest in 386. His bishop recognized his gifts and put him in charge of the physical and pastoral care of the poor of Antioch, a ministry in which he honed his natural gifts as a preacher. He was so skillful in preaching that, a century after his death, he was given the title of chrysostom, or "golden mouth." John's theological acumen was no less impressive. His sermons and letters display a refined understanding of the intricacies of the Holy Trinity and of the Gospels. His beautiful theological and spiritual reflections are referenced numerous times in the modern Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-13st-john-chrysostom>

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