

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



*Parish Office Assistant Lisa Moscaritolo meets  
Archbishop Blair at the annual secretaries conference*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2023



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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 10, 2023: \$10,029.30  
This amount includes the basket,  
mail in and online donations.

Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of September 10, 2023: 661

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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Friday,  
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### Weekly Mass Intentions

#### 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

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

#### Monday, September 18

**8:00 am:** Pro Populo

#### Tuesday, September 19

**8:00 am:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Wednesday, September 20

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

#### Thursday, September 21

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

#### Friday, September 22

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

#### Saturday, September 23

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

**4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** Special Intention

#### Sunday, September 24

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Loretta Radikas & Lydia Coyle

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

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +Alice Cap

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** +Frank Ricciardi

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

# Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Congratulations to our Music Director Elizabeth Famularo and her husband Brad, who welcomed their new baby girl, Rosalie Marie, on September 8th. Welcome Baby Rosie!



College students praying in the chapel during 5F



Parish Office Assistant Lisa attends the annual diocesan secretary convention



Saint Joseph and Saint Francis were the recipients of a generous donation of two beautiful Divine Mercy images, which have been affixed to the exteriors of both churches

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**2023 THEME:**  
**THE PRIESTHOOD: GOD'S GIFT & OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

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**FELLOWSHIP ADORATION CONFSSION & MASS NATIONAL SPEAKERS EXHIBITORS**

**Kevin Wells**  
**Matthew Leonard**  
**Archbishop Blair & Bishop Betancourt**  
*Principal celebrant and homilist respectively at our closing Mass.*  
**Fr. Glenn Sudano, OFM**  
**Fr. Larry Richards**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
**8:30AM - 4PM VIGIL MASS**  
**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**  
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**LOCATION**  
**NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN WEST HARTFORD**



**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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**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](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).

**Question of the Week Series: Anointing of the Sick**  
**Part 1: Who can receive an Anointing of the Sick?**

Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament to strengthen us to bear sickness and suffering in union with Christ on the cross. It's primarily to be received by anyone suffering from a serious, life limiting, or life threatening illness. Additionally it may be received by those weakened on account of old age, those having surgery for an illness, or in certain specific situations by someone suffering a mental illness. In the past it was called Extreme Unction and was only available for the dying. If someone is experiencing grave illness, the time for anointing is now.

### Reason for Hope

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

#### STUNNED BY SCRIPTURE

How the Bible  
Made Me Catholic



Dr. John Bergsma

#### Stunned by Scripture

*Stunned by Scripture* is an engaging study of the topics that former Protestant pastor Dr. John Bergsma once considered obstacles to ever becoming Catholic, such as confession, the Pope or devotion to Mary. *Stunned by Scripture* will help Catholics understand, defend, and explain the biblical basis for the Faith and show them how the Bible solidly supports even the most frequently misunderstood Catholic teachings.

Author: Dr. John Bergsma

Page Count: 144

## 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](mailto:OCIA@stfranciscatholic.org) for  
more information or to sign up

## 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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DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH. MASS INTENTIONS MUST  
BE PAID CASH OR CHECK TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH

### HOPES Collection

Next weekend, September 23/24, our parish will take up the HOPES (Help Our Parish Educators & Students) Collection. This is an annual fundraiser that provides vital support to our Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Our most vital resource in every Catholic school is our dedicated teachers. Balancing the cost of a Catholic school education requires creativity and innovation. This collection will provide new revenue sources to offer our teachers a just wage, ensuring quality education, enthusiasm and stability. For more information visit [www.CatholicEdAohct.org](http://www.CatholicEdAohct.org).



2023 HOPES  
COLLECTION

### 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

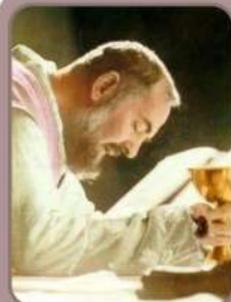
Join other faithful Catholic women in their 20's through early 40's, with children from the age of newborn through 6 for a decade of the rosary, good fellowship (and sometimes food)! Meetings are Wednesday mornings from 9:30am - 11:30am in the St. Francis School Cafeteria. For more information contact Rebecca Noon at [becca.dworak@gmail.com](mailto: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. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest, 1887- 1968

*Patron Saint of civil defense volunteers and adolescent*



Padre Pio, born Francesco, grew up poor and uneducated in a village near Naples, Italy, in 1887. Neither his parents nor his grandparents could read or write. The family was deeply religious, and when he was about ten years old, Francesco decided to dedicate his life to God as a Franciscan friar. After completing some schooling and being privately tutored, he entered a nearby Franciscan friary at age fifteen. He took the name Pio (Pius) in honor of a saint honored in his hometown. He was ordained a priest in 1910. Padre Pio lived virtually his entire priestly life at a modest Franciscan friary in the rural town of San Giovanni Rotondo. Beginning in 1918 he began to experience the stigmata, or marks of the sufferings of Christ. He bled where Christ bled and he had sharp pains in his side. He also began to display supernatural gifts: bilocation, prophecy, miracles, and healings. His personal routine of prayer and mortification was intense, and though he did not want his private passion to play out in public, it did. He became famous in Italy for being holy. By the time of his death in 1968, Padre Pio was a bona fide Catholic superstar. People flocked to witness Padre Pio say long, intense, devotional Masses. Padre Pio was totally authentic, totally sincere, and totally holy. His life was a rebuke of sin. A true Christian is authentic when he separates himself and his friends from sin, when he creates the mystique of Christ around him, and, like Christ, draws all men to himself.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/september-23---st-pio-of-pietrelcina-padre-pio-priest>

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