

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



Archbishop Leonard Blair celebrates the 10 am Mass at St. Francis last weekend

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023



Pastor
Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacon
Alan Bielawski

**1010 Slater Rd.,
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**Office Hours
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

September 17, 2023: \$10,474.93
This amount includes the basket,
mail in and online donations.

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of September 17, 2023: 718

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, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Mass Schedule Change

Due to the priest convocation, there
will be **NO** morning mass or confession
on **Tuesday October 3** and **Wednesday
October 4**, and **NO** evening confessions
Monday - Wednesday October 2 - 4.
Adoration TBD.

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, September 25

8:00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 27

8:00 am: Special Intention

Thursday, September 28

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Friday, September 29

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, September 30

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, October 1

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

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

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



First week of Faith Formation classes for our parish at St. Francis



Archbishop Blair celebrated Mass at St. Francis last weekend and gave a special blessing to our Parish Council members

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 29: St. Joseph

Friday October 20: Newman House

Saturday September 30: St. Jerome

Saturday October 21: St. Francis

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

ST. MOTHER TERESA

Calling All Bakers!

Desserts are needed for the Parish Picnic on Sunday October 1st. Please call Lisa in the Parish Office by Friday, September 29th to let us know if you can bring a sweet treat to share!

Family Fall Festival

Enjoy the beauty of fall as a parish family

Sunday October 1, 2023 at the St. Jerome Campus

After the 11:30am Mass

Food served 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Hotdogs & Brats

Chips & Soda

Music

Community

Hamburgers

Lawn Games

Fun

And More...

**This is a free event. Any donations received will go 100% to fund our Faith Formation program*

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

Join St. Francis of Assisi Parish on a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France!

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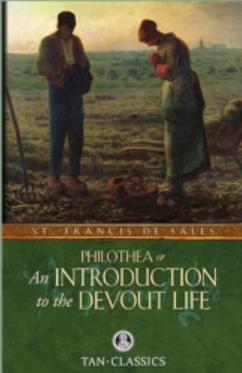
An introduction to the Catholic Faith and Sacrament preparation for adults

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)



Introduction to the Devout Life

An Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church is a clear, straightforward, roadmap to Heaven. It is both easy to read, yet thorough, authoritative, and gentle. Covering such important topics as how we should approach God in prayer and the Sacraments, the practice of 16 important virtues, and remedies against ordinary temptations, this is a book to be read over and over with pencil in hand.

Author:

St. Frances de Sales

Page Count: 360

Question of the Week Series:

Anointing of the Sick

Part 2: What are the effects of receiving it?

As explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, there are four primary effects of receiving this sacrament. The first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties of serious illness. The second grace is for the sick person to receive the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion. Third, by celebrating this sacrament, the Church, in the communion of saints, intercedes for the benefit of the sick person, and he, through the grace of this sacrament, contributes to the sanctification of the

Church. Finally, the Anointing of the Sick completes our conformity to the death and Resurrection of Christ, just as Baptism began it.

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With Praise to Almighty God,

His Excellency
The Most Reverend

Leonard P. Blair

Archbishop of Hartford

cordially invites you to attend a Mass of Welcome for

His Excellency

The Most Reverend

Christopher J. Coyne

Coadjutor Archbishop of Hartford

in the presence of His Eminence,
Cardinal-Designate Christophe Pierre,
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

Monday, the ninth of October
Two thousand twenty-three
at two o'clock in the afternoon

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Reception immediately following Mass

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.**

HOPES Collection

This weekend 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 our Archdiocese. Our dedicated teachers are our most vital resource and balancing the cost of a Catholic school education requires creativity and innovation. Your generosity will help provide our teachers a just wage, ensuring quality education, enthusiasm and stability.



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Sunday Afternoons at

St. Joseph School

195 South Main St., New Britain
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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

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 Oct 16, 23, 30, Nov 6.**

The Eucharist Foreshadowed in the Old Testament (October 16)

will consider how certain people and events of the Old Testament foreshadow the gift of the Eucharist.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand in the Wilderness (October 23)

shows how the feeding of the 5000 foreshadows the Eucharist and deepens our understanding of this gift.

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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