

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



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Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023



Pastor
Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacon
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

August 27, 2023: \$9,623.07

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend
of August 27, 2023: 738

Thank you to all who support our parish.

In Loving Memory we pray for

Ruth Demar
Dominick Galati
and 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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Labor Day Schedule

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, Mass on

Monday September 4th will be at 9:00 am.

There is no Confession or Adoration.

The Parish Office will be closed as well.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 2

8:00 am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop & Priests
of the Archdiocese of Hartford

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Eleanor Salvio

Sunday, September 3

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Paul Albert & Deceased Members of
the Albert Family

9:00 am: St. Joseph: +Carmen Velazquez-Jusino & the
Deceased Members of the Velazquez-DeLeon Family

10:00 am: St. Francis: +Normand Dube

11:30 am: St. Jerome: +Lisa Ann Chotkowski

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

****9:00 am:** Pro Populo

***Please note the change in mass time due to the holiday*

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, September 6

8:00 am: +Sara Desrochers

Thursday, September 7

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, September 8

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, September 9

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Evelyn Chudzick

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

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

Parish Life: Photos of the Week



Cody Madore and Cristina Cardenas received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation last weekend and are now welcomed into the full communion of the Church!



The parish celebrated Msgr. Matera's birthday after morning mass last Tuesday



Baptism of Leighton Taddei at St. Francis



Wedding of Will Hodges and Sarah Schwartz at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford

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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 and click Faith Formation

Contact Karyl Beloin, DRE, at
Karyl@stfranciscatholic.org for more information



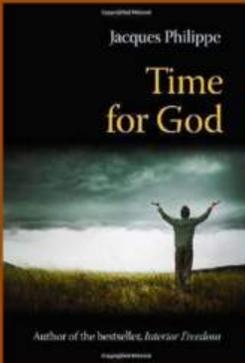
Question of the Week Series: What is Faith Formation?
Part 4: Can you recommend any digital resources for use at home to support faith formation?

Yes! Our parish pays for the subscription service called Formed, which is a premier Catholic streaming service, and an excellent way to support creative engagement in faith formation for the whole family. There are thousands of movies, podcasts and digital books available to stream on your tv, computer, smart phone or tablet. The lives of the saints, apologetics, devotionals, history, kids programs and so much more is available to everyone in our parish at no cost and is an incredible resource to dive deeper into our faith. Access it for FREE by visiting Formed.org: Log in under "Individuals", enter your email, and select New Britain CT/St. Francis of Assisi Church to begin watching

Reason for Hope

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

Time for God



Are you too busy to pray? What if you could actually gain time and be more productive by praying? Author Rev. Jacques Philippe explains how if we make time for God through prayer, He multiplies our time and makes it fruitful and productive in all areas of our life. Written in a simple and modern style, he also breaks down common mistakes and misconceptions about praying. It's a must-read for anyone wanting to make better use of their time with God.

Author: Rev. Jacques Philippe Page Count: 120

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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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Sacrament preparation for adults*

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

Email 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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Ladies Guild Meeting

The first meeting of the year is **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

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1910 – 1997

Patron Saint of Calcutta, India



Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was a tiny Albanian woman whose strong-as-iron faith served as a fulcrum to budge the world closer to God. Born into a devout family, her parents regularly helped the poor and abandoned. Feeling the call to serve Christ, Agnes decided, at 18, to join the Loretto Sisters in Dublin, Ireland. In the convent, Agnes chose the name Thérèse in honor of the Saint of Lisieux. But as the name was already chosen, she became Teresa. After learning the rule of her Order and basic English, she sailed on the long voyage to India, arriving in Calcutta in January 1929. India would be her home for the rest of her life. Sister Teresa taught at a girls' school in Calcutta and was known warmly as Mother Teresa. Due to her personality, discipline, prayer life, organizational abilities, and intelligence, she became the principal in 1944. But in 1946, while riding on a train, Mother Teresa received her "call within a call." Jesus told her, by mysterious means, that He desired her to serve Him in the poorest of the poor, who were so ignorant of Him and of His love. She must start a religious order, which was called the Missionaries of Charity. She selflessly cared for the needy and dying in Calcutta's slums. Her work flourished, expanding globally. Mother Teresa's life epitomized selfless love, and she was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016. Her letters reveal a mystic journey akin to saints of old, marked by deep faith and divine hope.

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