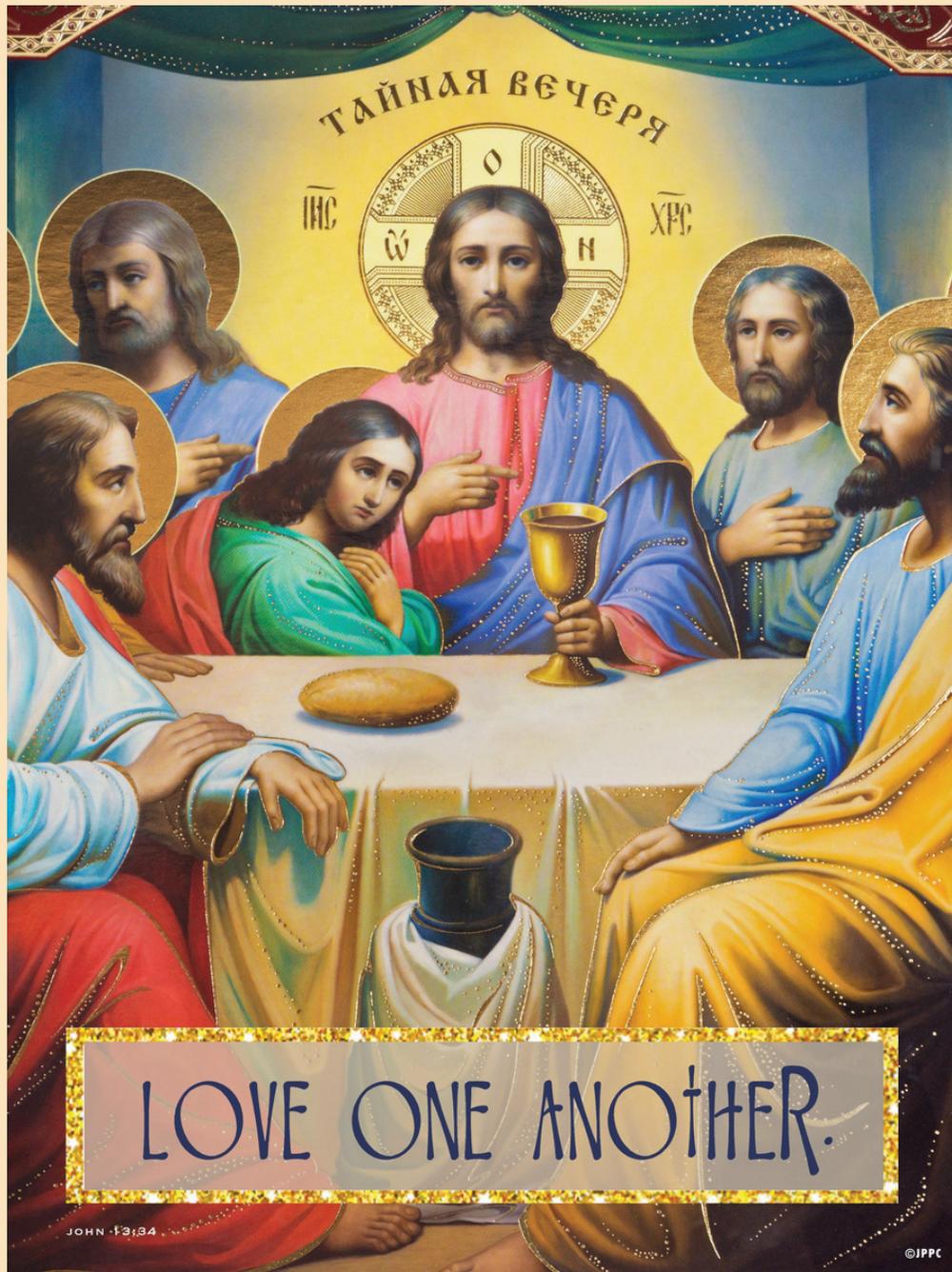


Divine Providence, St. Francis of Assisi, Holy Apostles, St. Katharine Drexel Parishes



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

**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 at St. Francis
8:00a.m. Monday - Saturday
5:30p.m. Monday - Friday

Confessions
will be 1/2 hour before
the weekday Masses
7:30-7:50a.m. and 5:00-5:20p.m.
at St. Francis
3:00-3:45p.m. on Saturday
at St. Jerome

St. Andrew, St. John, St. Peter
and St. Maurice Churches
are no longer used for regular Masses.



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Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

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EMAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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.

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Saint Isidore the Farmer

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Saint Isidore was from Spain and was named in honor of Saint Isidore of Seville, a scholar, bishop, and Father of the Church who lived in the sixth and seventh centuries. Today's Saint Isidore is known in Spanish as "Labrador" or "the farm worker." He was not a scholar and probably had trouble reading. He was not ordained to Holy Orders but married and a father. He surely had calluses on his hands, a red, leathery neck burned by the sun, and a sore and twisted back for most of his life. He earned what little he had. No one gave it to him. He did not put food on his family's table by generating great thoughts or publishing profound books. And due to exhaustion he probably had no trouble sleeping at night.

Our religious faith cannot occupy only one sphere of our life, as if it were a hobby akin to building a ship in a bottle, flying a kite, or cultivating a garden. A real religion impacts everything. Even work. Especially work. We fulfill God's will in our daily lives—which are packed full of work—by doing our work well. We should do our work diligently and at a high professional level, because it is an offering to God first and foremost. In other words, bad work equals a bad offering. Work is the practical use and expression of the skills God has loaned us for our earthly pilgrimage. To misuse those skills, to let them lie fallow, or to put them to ill use, is to bury a treasure in the ground. "Ora et Labora" is the Benedictine maxim. Prayer and Work. Yet work is prayer for the vast majority of the baptized. Saint Isidore's life teaches us, indirectly, that God can convert an entire nation without ink or paper.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/may-15---saint-isidore---usa-optional-memorial/>



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

We are seeking to grow our hospitality ministry in each of our four churches. Hospitality ministers help welcome people to Mass, assist with any needs during Mass, greet people as they leave, help ensure the church is ready for the next Mass, and also help with social events after Mass. If you would be interested in helping us in this way, please contact the parish office.

Pictures of the Week



**Decree merging the following Parishes:
Saint Katharine, Holy Apostles, and Divine
Providence, and Saint Francis of Assisi in New
Britain, Connecticut**

On July 1, 2022, the parishes of Saint Katharine, Holy Apostles, Divine Providence, and Saint Francis of Assisi New Britain, Connecticut, will merge to form a new parish to be known as Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, in accordance with canons 121 & 515 2 of the Code of Canon. On April 26, 2022, Archbishop Leonard P. Blair issued a decree effecting the merger of the aforementioned parishes.

During the weekend of May 14/15, 2022, the decree will be read at all Masses, and its substance will be communicated to all parishioners by means of a notice in the weekend bulletins of the parishes of: Saint Katharine, Holy Apostles, Divine Providence, and Saint Francis of Assisi in New Britain, Connecticut, including the display in appropriate places at the churches, so that parishioners can read it as they enter or exit the churches. It will also be available on the Archdiocese of Hartford website, under the News/Public Notice Section, (<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/public-notices/>). Canonical recourse may be made within the peremptory time limit of ten (10) days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (c. 1734 2).

Reverend Christopher M. Ford
Chancellor



May Crowning

Please join us as we celebration this special occasion in honor of Our Lady!

May 15th

St. Joseph

after 9:00 AM Mass

May 22nd

St. Francis

after 10: 00 AM Mass



MICHELANGELO'S SISTINE CHAPEL

This unique exhibition in Hartford invites you to step into the universe of the greatest masterpieces of Michelangelo, seen from a totally new perspective.

Date: starting May 6th, 2022

Duration: The visit takes 60 to 90 minutes

Location: Connecticut Convention Center -
Exhibit Hall B

Archbishops Annual Appeal



The Archbishops Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as Siena Learning Center, Morning Mingle and St. Joseph's food pantry right here in our own town received funding from the Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. *No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements*

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10;
Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5;
Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Join us on the first Saturday of the month to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We begin before the Saturday morning Mass at 7:15am. The Mass intention is for the Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. All are welcome.



Please pray for the repose soul of

Ladislaus "Ted" Sacharko
James Cullum, jr.
Frank Vitale
Richard Robertson
Julia Yarincik
Carol Ross
Alice Gilbert

and for their families and loved ones



Prayer Line

In need of Prayers?

Please call our "Spirit of Love" Prayer Line
Mary M. at 860-225-3890
(Call between 2-4p.m.)



Saturday, May 14:

8:00 am: St Francis: Intention of the Celebrant
4pm Vigil: St. Jerome: + Percy D. Thompson

Sunday, May 15:

8:00 am: St Francis: +Marguerit Clark
9:00 am: St. Joseph: +John J. Dougherty
10:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of Celebrant
11:30 am: St. Jerome: + Matthew Petraniuk

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, May 16:

8:00 am: Special Intention
5:30 pm: +The Beers Family

Tuesday, May 17:

8:00 am: +Dr. Charles Decelles
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, May 18:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 19:

8:00 am: The Souls of Purgatory
5:30 pm: Pro Populo

Friday, May 20:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, May 21:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** +Mary Joy
4pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Shirley Gurski

Sunday, May 22:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** +Karol Bandzi, Jr.
9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** +Edward J. Stedron
10:00 am: **St. Francis:** +Garrett and Dorothy Casey
11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Gino Ricciardi

**To Schedule a Mass. please call the Parish
office, located at St. Jerome at 860-224-2411**



Our parishes are the support for the Food Pantry at St. Joseph's. It's open every Tuesday morning from 9:30am-10:30am. We are currently in need of the following non-perishable food items (in special need of items with * in front of them:

- * Cereal
 - Instant Oatmeal
- * Peanut Butter
 - Jelly
 - Canned Soup and Canned Fruit
- * Pasta
 - Canned Meats and Tuna
 - Instant Potato and Rice Mixes
 - Raman Noodles and Soups
- * Pasta Sauce
 - Mac and Cheese
 - Snack Items: Cookies, Crackers, etc.

Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Donations may be brought to any of our open church buildings. Thank you for your generosity.



May 8, 2022: \$14,141.99

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of May 8: 650

Thank you to all who support our parish.

AA Meetings

Wednesdays at 7pm:

basement at St. Francis Church

Fridays at 7pm: School at St. Joseph
(Spanish speaking group)

Saturdays at 7pm: hall at St. Jerome Church

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 2:00pm



Why would God punish someone forever?

One way to understand the justice of everlasting damnation is to think of hell lasting forever because the damned make it that way. They forever continue to sin and merit exclusion from God.

Think of it this way. If you've ever been around a self-centered person, you know he finds it excruciating to be in the presence of a person everyone else admires more than they admire him. The damned in hell may even love themselves and their sins so much that the selfless love of God may be unbearable to them. They may even choose to remain in hell, thinking it is better than heaven.

Moreover, if hell were temporary, it would be incredibly unjust. Since heaven includes eternal bliss and happiness with God, then no matter how long a person spends in hell it will seem like only a few seconds compared to the infinite happiness that awaits them in heaven.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/why-would-god-punish-someone-forever>



Calling all Parishioners...

If you have treasures to sell why not rent a table at the Parish Tag & Craft Sale on Saturday, May 21 at the St. Joseph School on Edson St. (behind St. Joseph Church). The doors will be open from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Table rental is \$10 per table and you can reserve your space by calling Ellen at 860-936-4215. We cannot accept donations of items at this time. Table rental only.

Also, we will be having a Bake Sale at the same event. Donate your best cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pies and breads to sell at the event. Call Elaine at 860-828-1616 to sign up to bake. All proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit Council 31 Knights of Columbus' programs and activities. Looking forward to a successful parish activity.



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Please come and join us on Mondays April 25 through June 27 at 6:15pm at St. Francis School to explore our faith, traditions and to have a deeper understanding of what we celebrate.

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.

New Britain Council of Catholic Women

May 26th (Thursday) at 1:00PM – Celebration of our Holy Rosary will take place at Our Lady of Mercy church located on 19 South Canal St, Plainville, CT 06062. The recitation of our most holy rosary will be followed by light refreshments. All catholic women are invited to participate in our annual homage to the Blessed Virgin.



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