

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022

**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

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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Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacons
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Alan Bielawski
Joseph Kane

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Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Patron Saint of Rome, humor and joy
1515–1595

Saint Philip was born into a well-educated, Catholic, middle-class home. After growing up in Florence, he moved to Rome and spent many years studying theology and helping the poor. Philip founded a group to care for the many impoverished pilgrims who came to Rome. He befriended the great reformer Saint Ignatius of Loyola, who wanted Philip to become a Jesuit. After encouragement from his confessor, Philip was ordained a secular priest in 1551. Soon afterward, he had to formalize the large following he generated that wanted to live more fully the life he preached and modeled.

Saint Philip was so well loved and so well known in Rome that he is sometimes called its “Third Apostle” after Saint Peter and Saint Paul. He walked the streets of Rome from end to end continually throughout his long life. Paul's life was a long conversation with a thousand characters on street corners, in shops, in factories, at church, in parks—wherever. He reached out to the destitute, prostitutes, poor children, and the uneducated. Saint Philip would often gather a group to visit seven churches in a row. As they went from one church to another, the group would picnic and listen to the musicians whom Saint Philip brought along for entertainment.

Leaders, intellectuals, musicians, and scholars were also drawn to him, and formed the impressive circle of committed Catholics who first joined his apostolic efforts. Saint Philip and his companions were given charge of a parish where they held evening sessions filled with song, readings from the lives of the martyrs, the praying of the psalms, and rich conversation. Saint Philip called these gatherings the “oratory,” in part because the participants also listened to musical pieces called “oratorios.” When it came time to formalize his newly founded community in Church law, the name “Oratory” was chosen. Oratorians are mostly diocesan priests and some laymen who live together in a loose brotherhood, taking no vows, while pursuing various individual ministries. The many dozens of oratories around the world are joined in an informal confederation, whereas canonical bonds tie the many houses of a religious order together in a far tighter union.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/may-26---saint-philip-neri-priest/>



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



Congratulations to everyone who made their Confirmation

Ana Kalajzic
Cadence Ligeza
Jenna Morrell
Virginia Hargraues

**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



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 Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting our communities, your gifts help those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our church and our faith. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations especially in the archdiocese of Hartford.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Be assured every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact on someone's life.

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*



Mass Schedule for The Ascension of the Lord

May 25

Vigil - 5:30pm
St. Francis Church

May 26

8am - St. Francis
12pm - St. Jerome
5:30pm - St. Francis

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12,
13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23
or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
(for Ascension); or Acts 18:1-8;
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10;
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Rv 22:12- 14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or
(for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11;
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53



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.



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 & Dorothy Casey

11:30 am: St. Jerome: + Gino Ricciardi

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, May 23:

8:00 am: +Helen Grill

5:30 pm: +Leonard Bielawski

Tuesday, May 24:

8:00 am: +Souls of Purgatory

5:30 pm: +Michael McNicholas

Wednesday, May 25:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: +Elyssa Doyle

Thursday, May 26:

8:00 am: +David Fiori

5:30 pm: Pro Populo

Friday, May 27:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, May 28:

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

4pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** Zofia Szewczyk

Sunday, May 29:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** +Robert Lebel

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** +Patrick Hamel

10:00 am: **St. Francis:** +Jane Wilhelmy & Donna Boers

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** Special Intention

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

Eucharistic Adoration



St. Jerome:

Mondays 4pm-5pm

St. Joseph:

Wednesdays 12pm-1pm

St. Francis:

Thursdays 6pm-7pm



Please pray for the repose soul of:

Laurie Babin

Harry Michaud

Richard Simpson

Arlene Kveselis

William Ackerman

as well as their families and loved ones



May 15, 2022: \$11,813.66

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of May 15: 1,178

Thank you to all who support our parish.



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.)

BINGO!

Monday Evenings - St. Jerome Church Hall

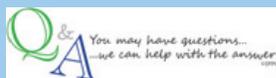
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Doors open at 5pm Games begin at 6:30pm

Sunday Afternoons - St. John the Evangelist

655 East St., New Britain

Doors open at 12:30pm Games begin at 2:00pm



What Does St. Benedict's Motto Mean?

The Benedictine motto is actually the command "Pray and work!" There can be a sense in which work is prayer if it is offered up in a spirit of recollection and if prayer accompanies the work or at least precedes or follows it. But work is never simply a substitute for prayer. St. Benedict was very clear about this. In his holy Rule, he teaches that nothing should take precedence over the true work of the monastery, which is sacred worship in the liturgy, which he calls the "Work of God."

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/what-does-st-benedicts-motto-mean>

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.

Handmade Rosary Bracelet Sale

Bracelets will be available for sale

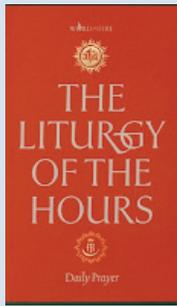
May 28

after 4pm Vigil at St Jerome

May 29

after 11:30am mass at St Jerome

Proceeds support the Madonna Plan --
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pregnant women and new mothers in
developing countries.



The Liturgy of the Hours

The Liturgy of the Hours is an ancient, structured way of praying Scripture throughout the day, focusing especially on

the Psalms. It harkens back to the Jewish custom of praying at fixed hours, a practice early Christians continued. By the medieval period, monks chanted the entire Psalter, all 150 Psalms, through each week, and sometimes in a single day!

Its purpose is to sanctify the day and the whole range of human activity. It does this by bathing the morning, afternoon and evening in prayer, so that "The whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God". Beginning in June join us at 8:30am (after morning mass) for Morning Prayer. Many voices, one Church, One Prayer.

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

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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