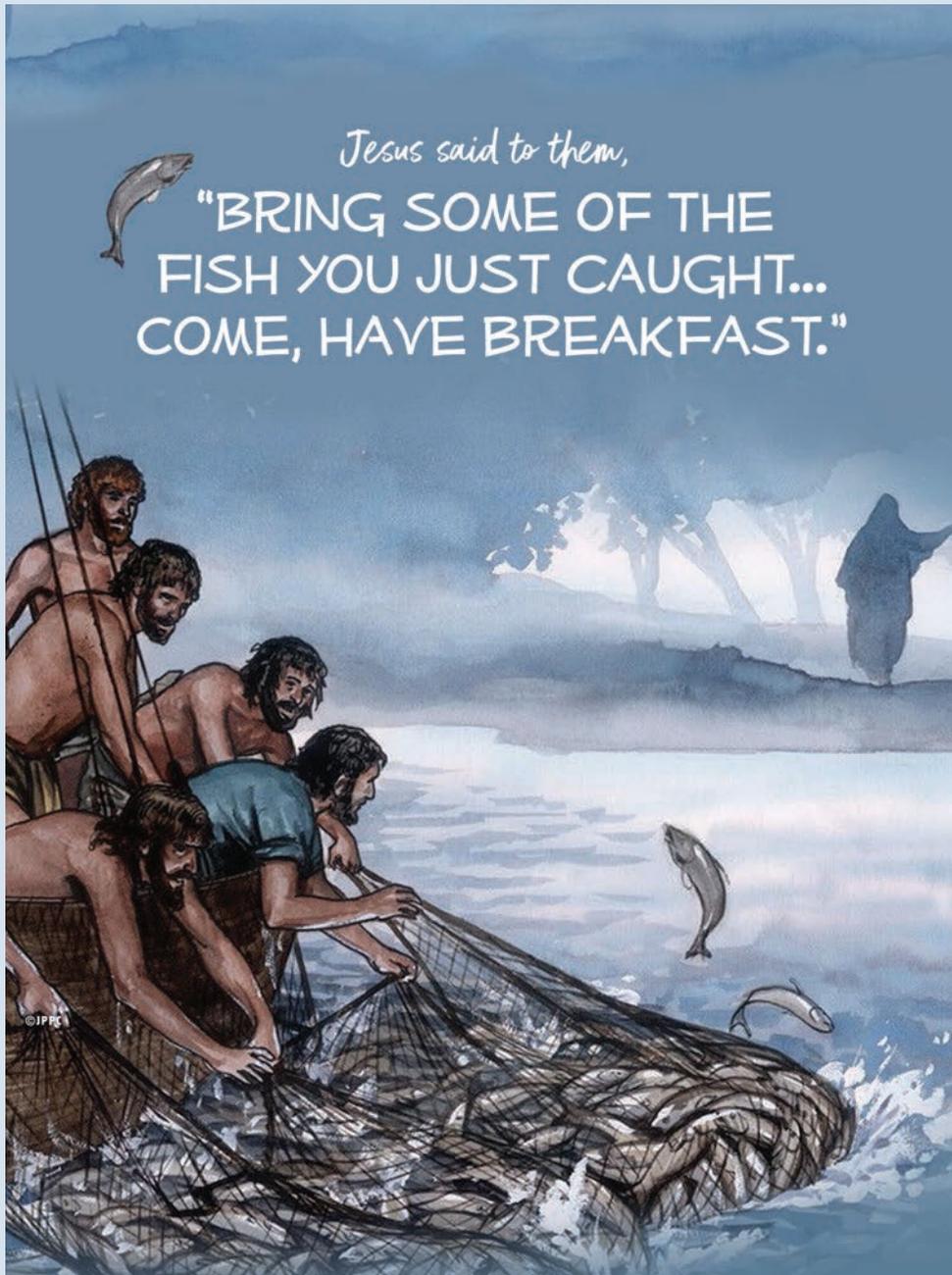


Divine Providence, St. Francis of Assisi, Holy Apostles, St. Katharine Drexel Parishes



Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022

**Divine Providence Parish at
St. Joseph Church**
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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.
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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Rev. Michael Casey

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Eduar Gutierrez

Deacons
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Alan Bielawski
Joseph Kane

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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 Joseph the Worker

Patron Saint of workers

Besides the Virgin Mary, there are just two saints who have more than one feast day dedicated to their honor on the Church's universal calendar: Saint John the Baptist and Saint Joseph. Pope Pius XII instituted today's feast in 1955 in direct response to the surge of atheistic communism in the decades after World War II. Not only was Saint Joseph to be understood, then, as the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus, but also as the patron of labor. He was the carpenter, the working man, who taught his God-Son how to swing a hammer and run a planer over a rugged plank.

Pius XII's exaltation of Saint Joseph the Worker was an attractive idea. Saint Joseph was a true icon of human labor in contrast to the rough factory worker in an industrial plant in Leningrad or the tanned farm hand threshing hay under the Ukrainian sun. Saint Joseph did not have his fist raised in anger at the capitalist oppressors of Nazareth. He was not leading a mob to burn down his boss's house. Saint Joseph worked like a normal person worked. He was quiet about it. He did his duty. He provided his family with food and shelter. He didn't see injustice lurking behind every corner. He most likely made excellent furniture and received a fair wage for his handiwork.

Work, from a Catholic perspective, is a source of dignity. It has to be done. A life of pure leisure is no life at all. Work and want and trying times are required ingredients in the recipe for a mature, responsible adult. No work, no adult. Work itself is not pure punishment. The onerous nature of work is one of the effects of original sin, though it was not so in the beginning. Work became a burden due to the sin of our first parents. What is the theology behind this? God the Father worked and God the Son worked. When man works, then, he is participating in God's own work.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/may-1---saint-joseph-the-worker/>



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.



A special invitation to
Divine Providence, Holy
Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi, &
St. Katharine Drexel Parishes!

SAVE THE DATES

May 21 - 27, 2023

Join us on a 7-Day Pilgrimage
to Mexico, in Honor of
**Our Lady of
Guadalupe**

Highlights include Mexico City,
Cuernavaca, Taxco, Puebla,
Tulpetlac, and Teotihuacan.

WHO IS LEADING THE PILGRIMAGE?

Fr. Casey and Fr. Gutierrez will be leading this special parish pilgrimage. The itinerary was designed to give thanks to Our Lord through Our Lady. We hope this pilgrimage will offer parishioners the opportunity to worship and pray in holy places providing graces to return home transformed.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

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

HOW DO I JOIN?

Tour brochures with enrollment information will be available in July. To request a brochure email: peter@petersway.com (Ask for Tour Code 9902).

**Pilgrimage Registration
opens July 2022!**



Archbishops Annual Appeal

Thank you to the Parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully recieved and sincerely appreciated.

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

Pictures of the Week



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 home, assisted living, hospital or care facility, please call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 and we will be happy to arrange a visit.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a;
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5;
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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.



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.)



Please pray for the repose soul of

Orsaline Badolato

Franz Gaus

Cornelius Foster

John Mogielnicki

Michael Mogielnicki

Linda Edwards

Michael Tkac

and for their families and loved ones



Saturday, April 30:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** Special Intention

4pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Emilia Francalangia

Sunday, May 1:

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

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** + Theresa Glownia

10:00 am: **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Carol Ravagnani

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:

Monday, May 2:

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm: Intention of Celebrant

Tuesday, May 3:

8:00 am: Special Intention

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, May 4:

8:00 am: Special Intention

5:30 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 5:

8:00 am: Special Intention

5:30 pm: Pro Populo

Friday, May 6:

8:00 am: Special Intention

5:30 pm: + Shirley Gurski

Saturday, May 7:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** Special Intention

4pm Vigil: **St. Jerome:** + Jane Wilhelmy
and Donna Boers

Sunday, May 8:

8:00 am: **St Francis:** +Vivian Kron-Crabtree

9:00 am: **St. Joseph:** +Salvatore and Dolores Paladino

10:00 am: **St. Francis:** +Steve Ludwikow

11:30 am: **St. Jerome:** + Matthew Carlina

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. Please

consider adding a few of these items on your grocery list. We are currently in need of the following non-perishable food items:

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

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



Why did God create the world?

Some philosophies and religions have claimed the universe necessarily "emanates" from God, but the Church teaches that God freely chose to create the world for his glory (CCC 293-295). God didn't have to make the world, nor did he make it because he needs it; he created the world because we need him. God, who is love itself (1 John 4:18), desires the good of all things and so, out of a super-abundant, overflowing possession of goodness, God created beings that would benefit from being in relation with him.

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/why-did-god-create-the-world>



April 24, 2022: \$13,187.44

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

Mass Attendance for the weekend of April 24: 716

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



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.



Eucharistic Adoration

St. Jerome:

Mondays 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

St. Joseph:

Wednesdays 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.

St. Francis:

Thursdays 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.



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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.



Vocations

God is calling men to the priesthood. The Office of Vocations can help you hear God's voice and discern His will for your life. If you think God is calling you the time to act is now! To talk about a priestly vocation, contact Fr. Michael Casey, Vocation Director, 860-761-7456.



Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone who is ill, has lost a loved one or is struggling with difficult life situations and could use some comfort? If so, please consider giving them a blessed prayer shawl. There are many colors to choose from. Please stop by the parish office if you would like one. The prayer shawls are given at no charge.



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