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THE BULLETIN

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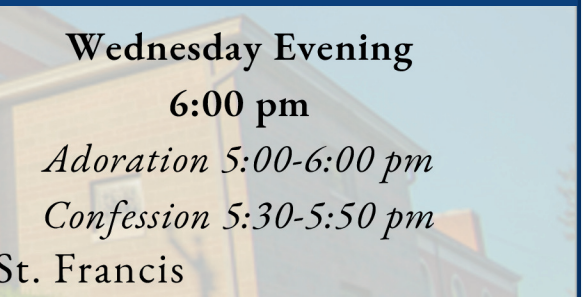
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Weekends

 <p>Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm St. Jerome <i>Confession 3:00-3:30 pm</i></p>	 <p>Sunday 8:30 am St. Maurice</p>	 <p>Sunday 10:30 am St. Francis</p>
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Weekdays

 <p>Daily (Monday-Saturday) 8:00 am <i>Confession 7:30-7:50 am</i></p>	 <p>Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm <i>Adoration 5:00-6:00 pm</i> <i>Confession 5:30-5:50 pm</i></p>
All Weekday Masses are at St. Francis	

Our Parish Churches

St. Francis	St. Jerome	St. Maurice	St. Joseph*	St. Peter*
1755 Stanley Street New Britain, CT 06053	1010 Slater Road New Britain, CT 06053	100 Wightman Road New Britain, CT 06052	195 S. Main Street New Britain, CT 06051	98 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

**St. Joseph and St. Peter Churches are no longer used for regular Masses.*

Community - Liturgy - Formation - Holiness

St. Francis Catholic exists to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bring all people into relationship with God, and form the next generation of evangelical Catholics. We do this by means of 4 pillars: welcoming community, engaging liturgical prayer, doctrinal formation, and commitment to growing in personal holiness.

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www.stfranciscatholic.org



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Due to weather delays, the Count & Collection for January 25 was unavailable at the time of printing. It will be printed in the next issue.

Weekly Collection

January 18, 2026: \$8,934.28

Catholic High School Collection: \$1,558

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

Mass Attendance

January 18, 2026: 462

CORRECTION: Tax statements have been mailed to parishioners registered for envelopes who donated \$250 or more in 2025. If you donated less than \$250 and would like a tax statement, please call our parish office.

Online

Visit www.stfranciscatholic.org

Click Donate to launch the Parish Giving website

Select *Give Now* for a one time donation or create an account to set up recurring contributions

Venmo

@StFrancisCatholicNB

Please Note: Venmo should be used for donations to the church.

Mass Intentions must be paid cash or check to St. Francis Church



Thank you for faithfully using the gifts God has generously given you!

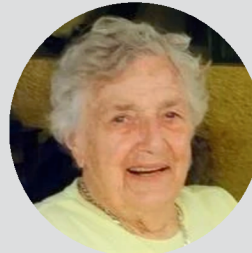
IN LOVING MEMORY

we pray for:



Deborah Denigris

*Passed away
December 29, 2025*



Mary Krenn

*Passed away
January 12, 2026*



Julia Bouchard

*Passed away
January 14, 2026*



*May the souls of the
faithful departed,
through the Mercy of
God, rest in peace.*

PALM COLLECTION

THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

We are currently collecting old palms through the weekend of Sunday, February 15th. Please leave old palms in the designated boxes in the entrances of St. Francis, St. Jerome or St. Maurice Churches.

February 1 & February 8, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis

Saturday, January 31

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Prospero & Antoinette Pavia

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the
Gronski and Janusonis Families

Sunday, February 1 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Larry Henry

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Loretta Spigno and the
Deceased Members of the Spigno Family

Monday, February 2

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, February 3

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 am: Special Intention

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 5

8:00 am: Special Intention

Friday, February 6

8:00 am: +Al Daniels

Saturday, February 7

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

4:00 pm: St. Jerome: +Steve Buslewicz and
+Danny Paradise

Sunday, February 8 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Paolo & Maria Messina

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Maria & Gino Ricciardi

Monday, February 9

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 am: +Alicja Borys

Wednesday, February 11

8:00 am: Special Intention

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 12

8:00 am: Special Intention

Friday, February 13

8:00 am: +Norman Roy

Saturday, February 14

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

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

Sunday, February 15 *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Walter Burkard

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Clare Onorato

Note: The Sunday 10:30 am Masses are ASL interpreted.

SNOW POLICY



If there is active snow on a Sunday, all Sunday Masses (8:30 & 10:30 am) will be held at St. Francis to allow for consistency of snow removal and safe entrance to all buildings. If implemented, it will be announced on parish social media and our notifications email list.



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Beatitudes of the Kingdom



By Monsignor Frank Matera

During the coming year (apart from Lent and Easter), we will read from the Gospel of Matthew at Sunday Mass. In this Gospel, Jesus gives five great sermons: The Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7), the Missionary Sermon (chapter 10), the Sermon of Parables (chapter 13), the Sermon on Church Order (chapter 18), and the Sermon about the End of the Ages (chapters 24-25). In each of these five sermons, Jesus teaches us how to live in a way that conforms to the kingdom of heaven that he proclaims. In the next few columns, I will discuss Jesus's first sermon, the Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Mount at the beginning of his ministry so that his disciples will know how to live according to the kingdom of heaven that he proclaims. The central theme of his sermon is practicing the greater righteousness, by which Jesus means conduct that accords with God's law. To practice this greater righteousness, Jesus tells the disciples that they must be "perfect, just as your Heaven Father is perfect" (5:48). By this statement, Jesus means that the disciples must be single-minded and undivided in their devotion to God just as God is single-minded and undivided in his devotion to them. Disciples cannot serve two masters and expect to practice the greater righteousness. They cannot be

divided in their devotion to God. The greater righteousness that Jesus proclaims requires total commitment to God.

The sermon begins with eight beatitudes (5:3-12) in which Jesus announces the blessings of the kingdom that come to those who surrender their lives to God. In the first part of each beatitude, Jesus describes the life of discipleship. For example, his disciples are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, those who work for peace. Then, in the second part of the beatitude, he describes the blessings that come to such people. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them. In the new age that the kingdom is bringing, they will inherit the land. They will receive mercy. They will be called the children of God.

After these eight beatitudes, Jesus pronounces a ninth beatitude in which he tells his disciples to rejoice when they are persecuted and spoken ill of because of him; for this the way they treated the prophets of old.

The beatitudes set the tone for the rest of the sermon. They describe the character of his disciples and the blessing that come upon them. Because they entrust themselves entirely to God, they will inherit the blessings of the kingdom.

After announcing the blessings of the kingdom, Jesus employs two metaphors to describe his disciples. They are (1) the salt of the earth and (2) the light of the world because they are his disciples (5:13-16). Even though the world hates and despises them because they are Jesus's disciples, they are the salt that preserves the world from evil and gives it flavor. They are the light that dispels the darkness of sin. Such is the exalted vocation of being Jesus's disciples. If you want to learn more, join me in my adult enrichment series on the Sermon on the Mount, March 2, 9, 16, 23.

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RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT JESUS
PROCLAIMS REQUIRES
total commitment
TO GOD. ”



ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Mass with ashes Prayer Service with ashes

8:00 am
St. Francis

6:30 am
St. Francis

12:00 pm
St. Jerome

12:00 pm
St. Francis

6:00 pm
St. Francis

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

BEGINNING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Join us every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm
St. Jerome

7:00 pm
St. Francis



LENTEN ADULT ENRICHMENT

BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 2

Join Monsignor Frank Matera on Mondays during Lent for an adult enrichment series on: **The Sermon on the Mount and Its Meaning for our Lives Today.**

Saint Augustine once described the Sermon on the Mount as “the perfect way to lead the Christian life.” It is not a sermon for the few but for all who want to follow Jesus faithfully in the way of discipleship.

During the Season of Lent, try to become better disciples. To assist us in this, Monsignor Matera will offer a four-part Lenten series on the Sermon on the Mount. If you would like to know more about the Sermon on the Mount and how it can help you grow in discipleship, join us for this adult enrichment session, which will be held on the **Mondays of March 2, 9, 16, 23 in St. Francis School Hall at 6:30 pm.**

FAMILY ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS



Growing in Grace

February 1 & February 8, 2026



Gathering for our first Family Adoration of 2026, our youngest parishioners spent time visiting Our Lord with age appropriate and sensory engaging lessons, with a break for social time & snacks, while parents had the chance for community & catechesis.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 ♦ 10-11:30 AM ♦ ST. MAURICE HALL

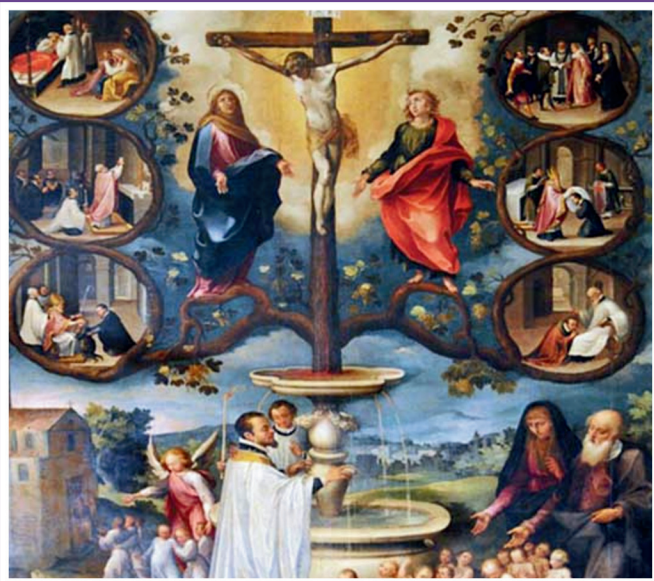
JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE THE

Sacraments of Healing

RECONCILIATION ANOINTING OF THE SICK

and Sacraments supporting the Church Community

MATRIMONY HOLY ORDERS



Seven Sacraments Altarpiece, Rogier van der Weyden, 1464. Public Domain Use.

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN* WELCOME
PRE-REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

**Nursery age - High School*

Contact Katie King with questions at
katie@stfranciscatholic.org

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

6
FEBRUARY

ST. FRANCIS
CHURCH

5 PM
TO 10:00 PM



Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be

Sunday, February 8th,

2:00 pm at St. Francis Church

Join us for:





CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Now Accepting Applications!

What are the **Six Hallmarks** *of a Chesterton Education?*



An Incarnational Environment

From history and theology to math and science, the Incarnation is the central mystery we explore across the entire curriculum. It is our desire that each student personally experience the Incarnation.

A Focus on Truth, Beauty & Goodness

Our classical curriculum combines a broad, liberal arts education with a strong emphasis on the development of Christian virtues and an appreciation of beauty.



Joyful Learning Environment

Students experience the joy of community and the discovery process, providing them with an opportunity to live out their spiritual lives in an atmosphere of joy and fun.

Rediscovering Lost Tools of Learning

Our curriculum is centered on skills seemingly forgotten in our modern society - reading, writing, oral presentations, and the development of critical reasoning skills through logic and philosophy.



The Socratic Seminar

The Socratic seminar is perhaps the oldest educational tool. Through this method a teacher imparts knowledge through directed questions and guided dialogue, bringing ideas and knowledge to life.



Wit & Wisdom of GK Chesterton

Chesterton exemplified the Catholic faith through his wit, his clarity, his kindness, and his ability to love people with whom he disagreed, while sharing the faith in Christian charity.



COMMUNITY *Snapshots*



Baptism of Cora Volgenau & Luca Giori



Baptism of Vivian Elizabeth Marcelo

REVOIR SCHOLARSHIP

The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship was established in 2016 by Kenneth Revoir in memory and in honor of his mother, Martha Revoir, a parishioner of Saint Maurice Church, now known as St. Francis Parish. The Scholarship is primarily to provide financial assistance to eligible students who have been members of Saint Francis Parish for at least the year prior to application. Scholarships of a minimum of \$2,500 may be awarded to full time students who are enrolled at accredited colleges, universities or community colleges, or are pursuing a course of study which will prepare them for a trade of profession at an accredited educational facility which awards degrees or certificates and has a full-time faculty. High school seniors who will be enrolled at an accredited educational facility by June for the fall semester are also eligible to apply. It was Mr. Revoir's intention, in creating the scholarship trust, to assist eligible students pursue the education for which they are qualified and which they wish to pursue in order to become useful, productive citizens.

Scholarships may include assistance with tuition, fees, books, and living expenses.

All applications will be sent to the Scholarship Committee at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Scholarship applications that contain all of the requirements needed to apply may be obtained at the Saint Francis of Assisi Office (860) 224-2411 or contact parishoffice@stfranciscatholic.org. Failure to enclose the required materials and to meet the deadlines will cause the application to be deemed incomplete and it will not be forwarded to the Trustees for consideration.

Application deadline is March 15, 2026.

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THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"

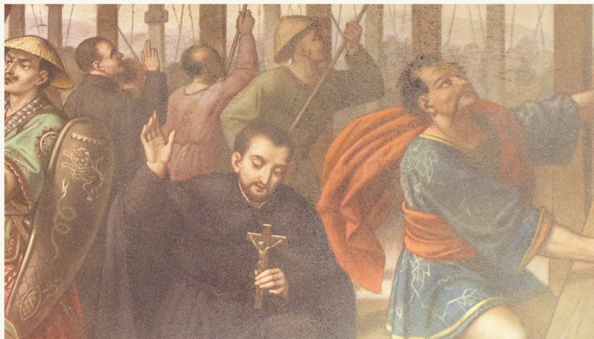


Feast Day of SAINT BLAISE

Celebrated on: Tuesday, February 3

Memorial of SAINT AGATHA VIRGIN & MARTYR

Celebrated on: Thursday, February 5



Memorial of SAINT PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS MARTYRS

Celebrated on: Friday, February 6

Memorial of SAINT SCHOLASTICA VIRGIN

Celebrated on: Tuesday, February 10



Memorial of SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS MONK BISHOP

Celebrated on: Saturday, February 14

ONGOING MINISTRIES

The Bulletin

AA MEETINGS

Wednesdays 7pm: St. Francis Church basement
Fridays 7pm: St. Joseph School (in Spanish)
Saturdays 7pm: St. Jerome Church Hall

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Meets Mondays, 6:30pm at St. Francis School. Led by Deacon Al, participants will learn Catholic Apologetics and how to defend our faith.

BINGO

Sunday Afternoons at St. Joseph School, 29 Edson St., New Britain.
Doors open at 11:30am, Games begin at 2:00pm

CROSSROADS 4 CHRIST

Meetings Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Adoration & Confession 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
All young adults are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meetings are monthly on the second Tuesday of the month, from 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Joseph School

MINGLE

The Mingle is looking for volunteers Tuesdays 5:00-6:30 pm at St. Joseph School to help with feeding the less fortunate. Volunteers will help with setup, serving, and cleanup. Please call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 with questions or to sign up.

NA MEETINGS

Narcotics Anonymous meets Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the St. Francis Church basement

SFC YOUTH

Faith-based community for high school students in the New Britain area with a focus on formation, prayer, community, food & games. Meets Monday evenings. Contact youth@stfranciscatholic.org or call the Parish Office for more details.

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry opens Tuesdays at St. Joseph School from 9:30 -10:30 am. Please see the shopping list below for our most needed items. Monetary donations or gift cards also appreciated. Donations may be brought to any of our open churches.

SHOPPING LIST

in support of the St. Joseph Food Pantry
The item most needed this week is:

☐ Tuna & Canned Meat

thank you

☐ Cereal

☐ Pasta/Pasta Sauce

☐ Canned Soup

☐ Instant Oatmeal

☐ Canned Fruit &

☐ Vegetables

☐ Peanut Butter & Jelly

☐ Canned Meat/Tuna

☐ Instant Potato and Rice

☐ Mixes

☐ Ramen Noodles

☐ Mac and Cheese

☐ Snack Items:

☐ Cookies, Crackers, etc.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

blessed
meek
filled

mercy
pure
peace

kingdom
reward
heaven

bsedles

b l e s s e d

pacee

meke

kidomng

filedl

reardw

mecyr

hevena

peur

©LPI



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

salt
earth
light

city
hill
lamp

shine
good
praise

satl

s a l t

lpam

hlil

lithg

godo

erhat

perasi

cyti

sihen

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 5:1-12a

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 5:13-16