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CATHOLIC

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## Mass, Confession & Adoration Times

### Weekends

**Saturday Vigil**  
4:00 pm  
**St. Jerome**  
*Confession 3:00-3:30 pm*

**Sunday**  
8:30 am  
**St. Maurice**

**Sunday**  
10:30 am  
**St. Francis**

### Weekdays

**Daily (Monday-Saturday)**  
8:00 am

*Confession 7:30-7:50 am*

**Wednesday Evening**  
6:00 pm

*Adoration 5:00-6:00 pm*  
*Confession 5:30-5:50 pm*

All Weekday Masses are at St. Francis

## Our Parish Churches

**St. Francis**  
1755 Stanley Street  
New Britain, CT 06053

**St. Jerome**  
1010 Slater Road  
New Britain, CT 06053

**St. Maurice**  
100 Wightman Road  
New Britain, CT 06052

**St. Joseph\***  
195 S. Main Street  
New Britain, CT 06051

**St. Peter\***  
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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## FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

*Due to early submission deadlines, Collection and Attendance statistics for Christmas and December 28th Masses were not available at the time of printing.*

*They will be published in our next issue.*

### Weekly Collection

**December 14, 2025: \$11,440.78**

**December 21, 2025: \$11,089.08**

**Retired Religious Collection: \$4,895.00**

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

### Mass Attendance

**December 14, 2025: 546**

**December 21, 2025: 677**

### Online

Visit [www.stfranciscatholic.org](http://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:*



**Richard Rose**

*Passed away  
December 9, 2025*



**Jacqueline Bosse**

*Passed away  
December 16, 2025*



**Norina Paradis**

*Passed away  
December 16, 2025*



**Elizabeth DeJesus**

*Passed away  
December 16, 2025*



**Antonino DiPietro**

*Passed away  
December 20, 2025*



**Marilyn Zieger**

*Passed away  
December 23, 2025*

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

January 4 & January 11, 2026

# WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

*All weekday Masses are at St. Francis*

## Saturday, January 3

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

**4:00 pm Vigil:** **St. Jerome:** +Eileen Centurelli

## Sunday, January 4 Epiphany of the Lord

**8:30 am:** **St. Maurice:** Intention of the Celebrant

**10:30 am:** **St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

## Monday, January 5

**8:00 am:** **St. Francis:** Pro Populo

## Tuesday, January 6

**8:00 am:** +Henryk Petlik

## Wednesday, January 7

**8:00 am:** +Bryan DeLorenzo

**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

## Thursday, January 8

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

## Friday, January 9

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

## Saturday, January 10

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

**4:00 pm:** **St. Jerome:** +Paul Burgio

## Sunday, January 11 Baptism of the Lord

**8:30 am:** **St. Maurice:** +Joseph Crowley

**10:30 am:** **St. Francis:** Deceased Members of the Ludwikow Family

## Monday, January 12

**8:00 am:** +Vincenca & Gennaro Colino, +Amato Feola

## Tuesday, January 13

**8:00 am:** Pro Populo

## Wednesday, January 14

**8:00 am:** +Clare Onorato

**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

## Thursday, January 15

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

## Friday, January 16

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

## Saturday, January 17

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

**4:00 pm Vigil:** **St. Jerome:** +J. Michael Bieszad

## Sunday, January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30 am:** **St. Maurice:** +Angelina & Paolo Fisicaro

**10:30 am:** **St. Francis:** +Emiliano Equina

*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 LIGHT *of Christ*



By Monsignor Frank Matera

Christmas is over for the world about us. The Christmas decorations that were put up before Thanksgiving have been quickly dismantled, and we have begun a new buying season. But for us who patiently waited in hope for the coming of Christ during Advent, the Christmas season has only begun. On Sunday, January 4, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of the Christ child to all the nations of the world. Then on Sunday, January 11, we will celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Baptism, that moment when Jesus was manifested as the Son of the Father in the waters of the Jordan. Both of these days are feasts of light that deepen our understanding of the mystery of Christ, the light of the world. And so, while the world has moved on to a new season, the celebration of Christmas has just begun.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, we hear the familiar story of the Magi—the three kings, the wise men, who travel from the east to worship the newborn king of the Jews. The Magi are Gentiles, non-Jews. They represent all the nations of the world; they represent us. Jesus is the Jewish Messiah sent to his people Israel. But thanks to God's gracious love and mercy, we now share in the salvation that the Jewish Messiah brings. St. Paul describes

this mystery in his letter to the Ephesians: "The Gentiles [us!] are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." Notice what the great Apostle—himself a Jew—says. We Gentiles now share in the promises that God made to his holy people Israel. The feast of the epiphany is the manifestation of Christ to us, the Gentiles.

It may seem strange that we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Baptism a week later. What does Jesus's baptism have to do with Christmas? But like the Feast of the Epiphany, the Lord's baptism is another epiphany of Christ, the light of the world. Jesus does not need to be baptized. He is the sinless Son of God. But he comes to be baptized in order to fulfill God's plan for our salvation. As he enters the waters of the Jordan, he sanctifies the waters of our baptism. And as he comes out of the waters, the Father reveals to us that Jesus is his beloved Son with whom he is well pleased.

The Feast of the Epiphany and the Feast of the Lord's Baptism provide us with a deeper understanding of the mystery of Christmas. Both of these feasts present Christ as the true light of the world. Both of them teach us that we Gentiles, non-Jews, are now intimately related to God's people. We have become coheirs of the promises God made to Israel through Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.

During these days of the Christmas season, when others have forgotten about Christmas, remind yourself that it is still the Christmas season, a time of light and epiphany/manifestation. Christ, the light of the world, continues to enlighten us through the word of the Gospel. How fortunate we are!

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January 4 & January 11, 2026

Family Faith Formation presents:

THE CHURCH

THE HOLY SPIRIT

AND THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026**

**10-11:30 AM | ST. MAURICE HALL**

**ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN\* WELCOME**

**PRE-REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED**

*\*Nursery age - High School*

*Contact Katie King with questions at [katie@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:katie@stfranciscatholic.org)*

Thank you to all who attended our Chesterton Academy Conversation on December 11!



## CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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*the Chesterton difference?*

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- Emphasis on Truth, Goodness & Beauty
- Classical Curriculum
- Authentically Joyful Learning Environment

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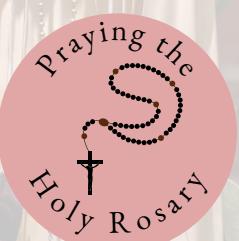
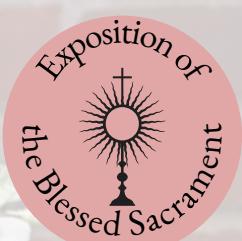
Opening Fall 2026  
for incoming grades 9 and 10\*

\*Anticipated grade 11 in 2027 and grade 12 in 2028



## Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be  
Sunday, January 11th,  
2:00 pm at St. Francis Church  
*Join us for:*



## GOT QUESTIONS?

What do I have to do  
to become Catholic?

How do I complete  
my sacraments?

How long does  
it even take?

## We've got answers.

Reach out to Katie King &  
learn about our OCIA and  
Adult Confirmation  
Programs.

Call us at 860-224-2411 or  
scan the QR code



## Family Adoration

AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

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JANUARY

ST. FRANCIS

CHURCH

9 AM

TO 11 AM

CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN!  
CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE & RESERVE  
YOUR SPOT WITH THE QR CODE  
(RSVP IS REQUIRED):



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simple steps:

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# COMMUNITY

## Snapshots



*Baptism of Julius Irizarry*



*First Communion & Confirmation of Ian Howe*



*Thanks to your generosity, hundreds of Christmas Giving Tree presents have been delivered to the Prudence Crandall Center!*



**CAPTURING** *the heart* **OF PARISH LIFE**

# CHRISTMAS 2025

January 4 & January 11, 2026



*O Come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

20+C+M+B+26

January 4, 2026

Blessed chalk will be available at  
all Masses on the weekend of January 4<sup>th</sup>

The numbers represent the year (2026).

The letters represent both the names

of the Magi (Caspar, Melchoir,

and Balthasar) and the phrase

“Christus Mansionem Benedicat,”

is Latin for

“May Christ Bless the House”.

# Epiphany House Blessing

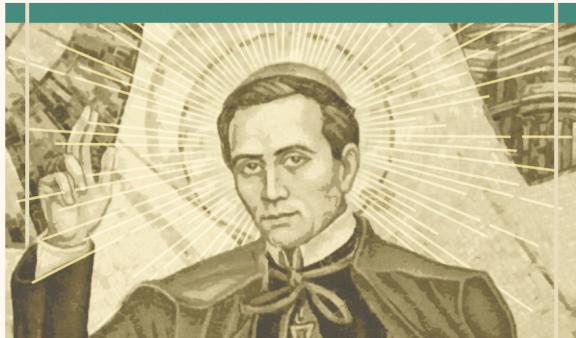


Scan here for the USCCB's Epiphany House Blessing Prayers

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# THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

*"All you holy men and women pray for us"*



*Memorial of*  
**SAINT JOHN NEUMANN**  
BISHOP

*Celebrated on: Monday, January 5*

*Feast Day of*  
**SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE**  
RELIGIOUS

*Celebrated on: Tuesday, January 6*



*Feast Day of*  
**SAINT RAYMOND PEÑAFORT**

*Celebrated on: Wednesday, January 7*



*Feast Day of*  
**SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS**  
BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

*Celebrated on: Tuesday, January 13*



*Memorial of*  
**SAINT ANTHONY**  
ABBOT

*Celebrated on: Saturday, January 17*



# ONGOING MINISTRIES

## 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](mailto: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:**

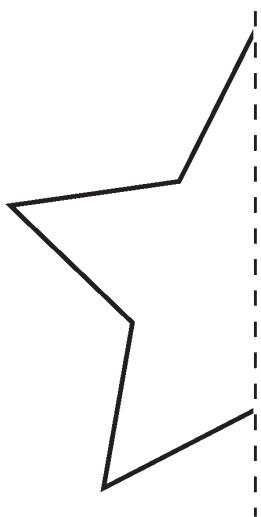
Cereal

*thank you*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Pasta/Pasta Sauce	<input type="checkbox"/> Instant Potato and Rice
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Soup	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixes
<input type="checkbox"/> Instant Oatmeal	<input type="checkbox"/> Ramen Noodles
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit &	<input type="checkbox"/> Mac and Cheese
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/> Snack Items:
<input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter & Jelly	<input type="checkbox"/> Cookies, Crackers, etc.

## PUZZLE

Can you draw the second half of this star?



## MISSION

Ask your family if you can visit a planetarium, or look through a special telescope, so you can see the stars God made.

Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

St. Francis Catholic

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Jesus  
Galilee  
Jordan

baptized  
John  
water

dove  
voice  
heaven

esJsu      J e S U S  
ohJn      \_\_\_\_\_  
hevane      \_\_\_\_\_  
laGilee      \_\_\_\_\_  
wetra      \_\_\_\_\_  
rodJan      \_\_\_\_\_  
devo      \_\_\_\_\_  
batidpez      \_\_\_\_\_  
vocie      \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism of the Lord • Matthew 3:13-17

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