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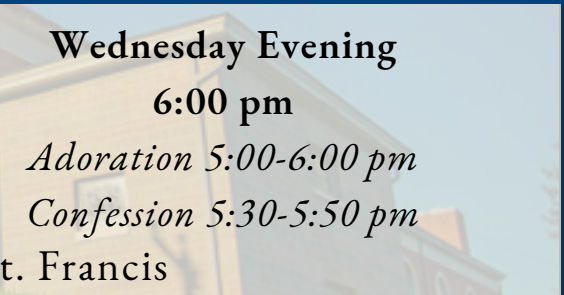
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Mass, Confession & Adoration Times

Weekends

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

 Daily (Monday-Saturday) 8:00 am <i>Confession 7:30-7:50 am</i>	 Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm <i>Adoration 5:00-6:00 pm</i> <i>Confession 5:30-5:50 pm</i>
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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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

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!

“WHILE THE WORLD HAS
MOVED ON TO A NEW
SEASON, THE CELEBRATION
OF CHRISTMAS
has just begun.”

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

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



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*for incoming grades 9 and 10**

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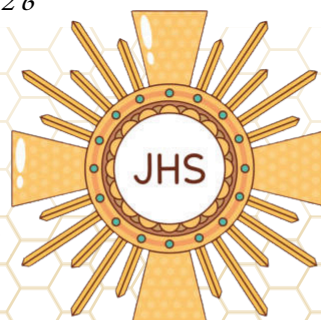
Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be

Sunday, January 11th,

2:00 pm at St. Francis Church

Join us for:



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):



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.

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scan the QR code



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3. Enter your name and email



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

January 4 & January 11, 2026

CHRISTMAS 2025



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 4th

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

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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:

☐ Cereal

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

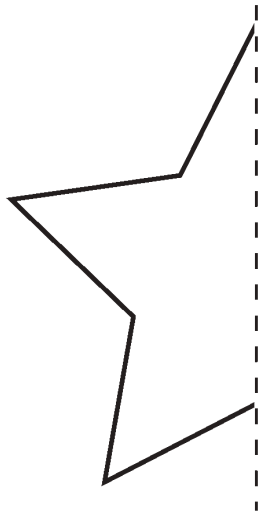
☐ Snack Items:

☐ Cookies, Crackers, etc.



PUZZLE

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.



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

Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord • Matthew 3:13-17