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THE BULLETIN

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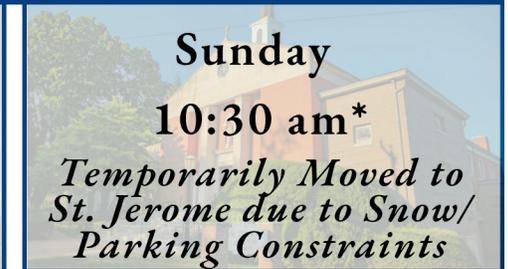
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Weekends

 <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* <i>Temporarily Moved to St. Jerome due to Snow/ Parking Constraints</i></p>
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Weekdays (all at St. Francis)

<p>Daily (Monday-Saturday) 8:00 am Mass <i>Confession 7:30-7:50 am</i></p>	<p>Lenten Monday Confession & Adoration <i>Adoration 5:00-6:00 pm</i> <i>Confession 5:15-5:45 pm</i> No Mass</p>	<p>Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm Mass <i>Adoration 5:00-6:00 pm</i> <i>Confession 5:30-5:50 pm</i></p>
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Our Parish Churches

<p>St. Francis 1755 Stanley Street New Britain, CT 06053</p>	<p>St. Jerome 1010 Slater Road New Britain, CT 06053</p>	<p>St. Maurice 100 Wightman Road New Britain, CT 06052</p>	<p>St. Joseph* 195 S. Main Street New Britain, CT 06051</p>	<p>St. Peter* 98 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051</p>
<p><i>*St. Joseph and St. Peter Churches are no longer used for regular Masses.</i></p>				

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 the weather delays, the Count & Collection from Sunday, February 22nd was not available at the time of publication. It will be published in our next issue.

Weekly Collection

February 15, 2026: \$11,154.38

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

Mass Attendance

February 15, 2026: 640

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



SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

On the weekend of March 15, we will take up a second collection for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

IN LOVING MEMORY *we pray for:*



Vito Zaffarana

*Passed away
February 7, 2026*



Robert Korhonen

*Passed away
February 17, 2026*

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 2026

Mark your calendars! Mass Intentions for the months of April, May and June 2026 will be available to reserve beginning **Monday, March 2**. Contact the parish office with any questions.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

! Due to continued snow and lack of parking, the Sunday 10:30 am Mass will continue to be at St. Jerome through Easter Sunday, April 5th.

March 1 & March 8, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

Saturday, February 28

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Walter & Florence Siemiatkaska

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the
Danisienka & Tatro Families

Sunday, March 1 *Second Sunday in Lent*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: Deceased Members of the
Berrios & Diaz Families

10:30 am: St. Jerome: +Eugenio & Gino Ricciardi

Monday, March 2

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am: +Edgar Cauffman

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am: +Sam Leopold

Friday, March 6

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, March 7

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

4:00 pm: St. Jerome: +Marie & Bruno Oskinnis

Sunday, March 8 *Third Sunday in Lent*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +De Vo

10:30 am: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the
Messina & Niro Families

Monday, March 9

8:00 am: +Veronica Steinbruck

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 am: Special Intention

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, March 12

8:00 am: Special Intention

Friday, March 13

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, March 14

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +David Kennedy

Sunday, March 15 *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

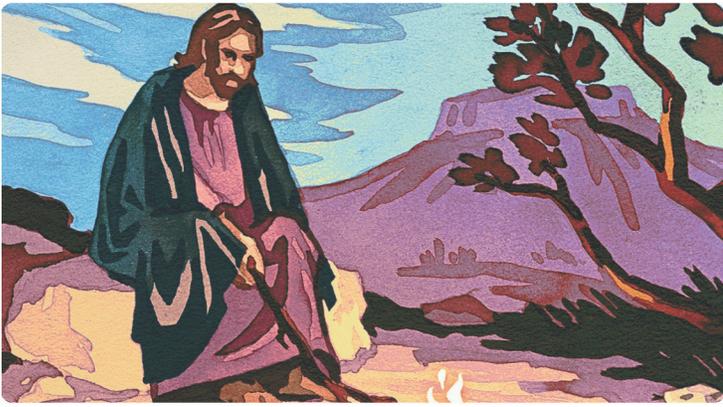
8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Antonina & Sebastiano Failla

10:30 am: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the
Meyer Family

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.



PRACTICING PIETY

Before God Alone



By Monsignor Frank Matera

In my last column on the Sermon on the Mount, I discussed Jesus's teaching on practicing a greater righteousness that corresponds to God's will. In this column, I turn to Matthew 6:1-18, a passage in which Jesus teaches us how to practice our righteousness/piety in a way that is pleasing to God. The passage begins in this way: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father."

Jesus then goes on to discuss three great works of piety or righteousness: (1) giving charitable gifts to the poor, (2) praying, and (3) fasting. Those who heard the sermon were well acquainted with these three great works of piety. But the way in which Jesus describes them may have surprised his audience.

Jesus uses the same pattern in describing each of these works of piety. First, he warns his disciples not to practice their almsgiving, prayer or fasting in a public way for all to see. Second, he says that if his disciples practice their piety in order to be praised by others, then their only reward will be the praise of others. Third, he tells the disciples to practice their almsgiving, prayer, and fasting in secret so that only God can see their piety. Fourth, Jesus promises his

disciples that if they practice their piety in secret for only God to see, then God will reward them.

Jesus calls us to practice our piety in a hidden way that is known only to God. We are not to give charitable gifts so that others will praise our generosity. We should not pray in order that others will praise us. And even when we fast, we must fast in a way that others will not notice. Our goal is to please God alone, not human beings.

In the midst of this teaching, Jesus teaches us his own prayer, the Lord's Prayer, the "Our Father." Jesus says that prayer should be simple and direct. It should not be verbose. It should not assault God with words because God knows what we need better than we do.

The Lord's Prayer has two parts. In the first part we ask for what is most important: (1) the sanctification of God's Name; the coming of God's kingdom; the accomplishment of God's will. In the second part, we ask for what we need in our daily lives: (1) food for the day, (2) the forgiveness of sins, (3) deliverance from temptation and evil. Notice how simple this prayer is. It is the way we ought to pray every day to our heavenly Father.

This part of the sermon teaches us how to practice our religious duties in a hidden way so that we are seen by God alone rather than by others. Jesus calls us to give without seeking praise, to pray in a simple and direct way to our Father, and to fast and do penance without others noticing. Jesus calls us to the hidden life.

If you want to learn more about the Sermon on the Mount, join our adult enrichment sessions on the Mondays of March 2, 9, 16, 23.

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OUR PIETY IN A HIDDEN
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PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday for Stations:
12:00 pm at St. Jerome
7:00 pm at St. Francis.

Monday Night Adoration & Confession

Join us every Monday at St. Francis for
Adoration (5:00-6:00 pm)
Confessions (5:15-5:45 pm)

Adult Enrichment: *The Sermon on the Mount & Its Meaning for our Lives Today*

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 the St. Francis School Hall at 6:30 pm.**



SAINT FRANCIS LADIES GUILD

invites you to



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Led by Deacon Alan

**Followed by a Lenten Lunch:
Homemade Soups, Bread & Beverages**

▶▶▶ Please bring a donation of non-perishable food for the St. Joseph Food Pantry

For questions call the Parish Office or reach out to active Ladies Guild members Maria Lazicki, Donna Domizio, Mary LeBel, Dorothy Krein, or Mary Morocco



**Tuesday, March 10 from 12:00-3:00pm
St. Francis Church**

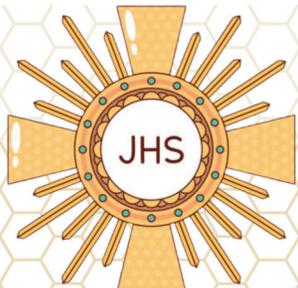
Saint Francis Moms Group



Moms of the parish are invited to our weekly playgroup at St. Francis School!

Please Note: Our group is open to all moms seeking good fellowship, although our attendees are predominantly young moms with babies and toddlers under 3 years old

For more information contact our Pastoral Associate Sofia del Rio at 860-929-8077 or by email at sofia@stfranciscatholic.org



Family Adoration

AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

14

MARCH

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):



LIVING

Stations of the Cross

MARCH 20TH - 4:30PM & 7PM

ST. MAURICE SCHOOL
100 WIGHTMAN RD.
NEW BRITAIN, CT 06052

Join us for a prayerful presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Through reverent student reenactment, accompanied by a choir, we hope to provide an opportunity to enter more deeply into this traditional Lenten prayer.

ADMISSION IS FREE, BUT PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT WWW.ADOROTE.ORG

PRESENTED BY (A.M.D.G.)²

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO STATIONS OF THE CROSS, THERE IS *NO* FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH.

March 1 & March 8, 2026



Rite of Election

*Our Catechumens - Dashon, Haley
& Paula - now our Elect, who
will be baptized at the Easter Vigil!*

Holy Week 2026



PALM SUNDAY

4:00 pm Vigil

8:30 am

10:30 am

March
29

All Palm Sunday Masses will be at St. Jerome



HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm

St. Jerome

April
2



GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm

St. Jerome

April
3



EASTER VIGIL

8:30 pm

St. Jerome

April
4



EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 am

10:30 am

April
5

All Easter Masses will be at St. Jerome

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FAITH



Last month our Campus Ministry led a silent men's retreat and hosted a swing dance event, building community while growing deeper in faith.



in full swing



CULTURA VITAE

CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Open House & Info Session

Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 1:00 pm

30 Pendleton Road, New Britain, CT 06053

Learn More &

APPLY NOW!

ChestertonSFA.org



CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

Wednesday, March 18th

Rally 11:30 a.m. | March 12:30 p.m.

210 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

CT.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG



Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be

Sunday, March 8th,

2:00 pm at St. Francis Church

Join us for:



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 or 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.**

March 1 & March 8, 2026

THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast Day of SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

Celebrated on: Tuesday, March 3

Feast Day of SAINT CASIMIR

Celebrated on: Wednesday, March 4



Feast Day of SAINTS PERPETUA & FELICITY

Celebrated on: Saturday, March 7



Feast of the SAINT JOHN OF GOD

Celebrated on: Sunday, March 8



Feast Day of SAINT FRANCES OF ROME

Celebrated on: Monday, March 9



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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. During Lent Msgr. Matera will teach us about the Sermon on the Mount. See page 7 for details.

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:

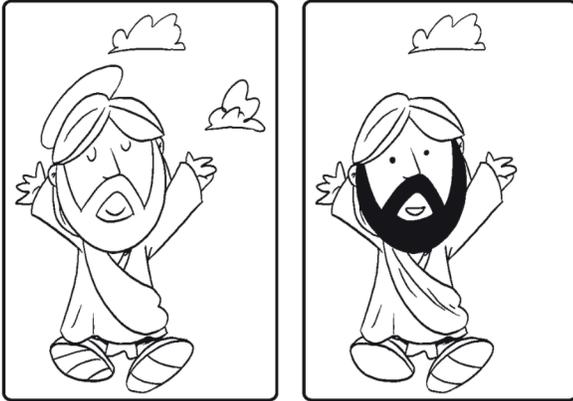
- Canned Meat or Tuna

thank you

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Meat/Tuna |
| <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

Find seven differences in this scene of Jesus in Heaven.



MISSION

If you could see Jesus in heaven today, what would you talk about? What would you ask him?

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Sychar	well	truth
woman	worship	faith
drink	Father	Savior

- Scyhra S y c h a r
- wroshpi _____
- fatih _____
- wmoan _____
- Fethar _____
- Svairo _____
- wlel _____
- turth _____
- dirkn _____