



ST. FRANCIS
CATHOLIC

THE BULLETIN

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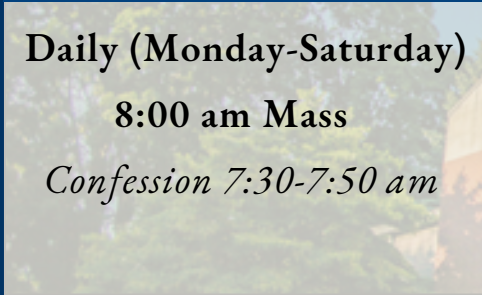
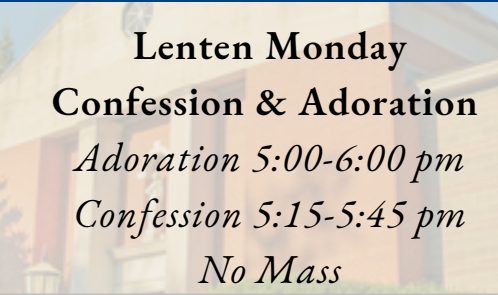
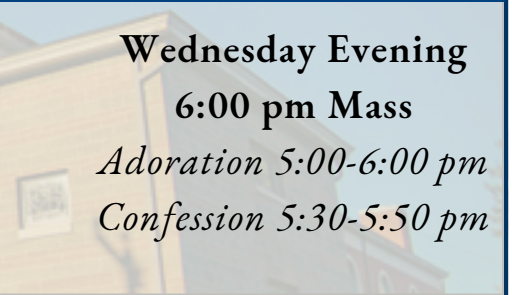
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Weekends

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|  <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 through Easter Sunday</i></p> |
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Weekdays (all at St. Francis)

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|  <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> <i>No Mass</i></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

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| <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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Connect on Social Media & Online



www.stfranciscatholic.org



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Due to early publishing deadlines for Palm Sunday, the Count & Collection for Sunday, March 22 was unavailable at the time of publication. It will be printed in our next edition.

Weekly Collection

March 15, 2026: \$10,647.81

Second Collection Catholic Relief Services: \$1,926.00

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

Mass Attendance

March 15, 2026: 637

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



SPECIAL COLLECTION: HOLY LAND



There will be a special collection on **Good Friday, April 3rd**. Every year on Good Friday, at the request of the Holy Father, a collection is taken up to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes from this worldwide collection, which provides Humanitarian, Liturgical, Pastoral, Archaeological, Charitable, Educational Services, as well as care for the Holy Places.

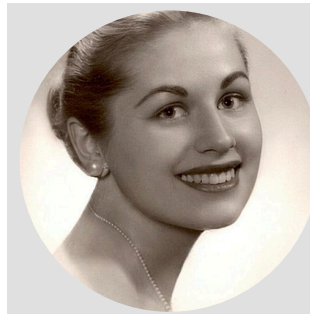
IN LOVING MEMORY

we pray for:



Anna Maluski

*Passed away
February 28, 2026*



Barbara Dibble

*Passed away
March 9, 2026*

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



Please Note:

The Sunday 10:30 am Mass will return to St. Francis on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

March 29 & April 5, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Krystyna Kosiorek

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

Sunday, March 29 *Palm Sunday*

8:30 am: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

10:30 am: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Monday, March 30

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Triduum

Thursday, April 2

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

3:00 pm: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil

8:30 pm: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, April 5 *Easter*

8:30 am: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

10:30 am: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

Monday, April 6

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 9

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, April 10

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, April 11

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Saul Sr., Saul Jr., & Xavier Berrios

Sunday, April 12 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Gino Ricciardi

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Vito Zaffarana

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

Please note:

There is No First Friday Adoration on
Good Friday, April 3rd.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE



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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER EVENTS



CONFESSION TIMES

HOLY WEEK

All Confession times are at St. Francis

Note: There are no morning Confessions during the Triduum.

Monday

March 30
5:15-5:45 pm

Tuesday

March 31
7:30-8:30 pm

Wednesday

April 1
5:00-6:00 pm

Holy Thursday

April 2
12:00-1:00 pm

Good Friday

April 3
12:00-1:00 pm

Holy Saturday

April 4
12:00-1:00 pm

CHRISM MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph

Parishioners are invited to attend the Chrism Mass, where Archbishop Coyne will bless the 3 Holy Oils for the year and all priests renew their vows.



ALTAR OF REPOSE

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

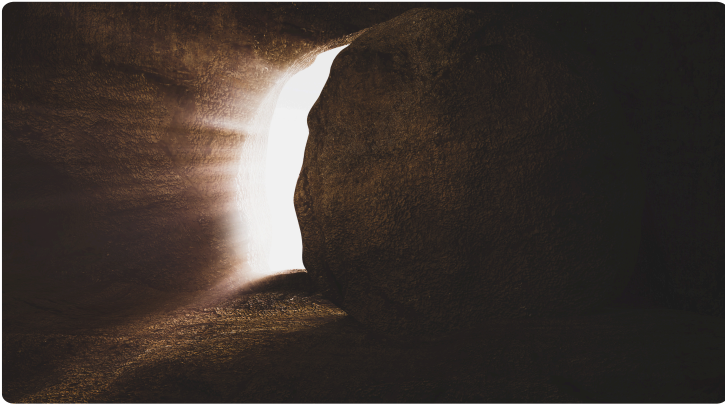
All are welcome to stay in silent prayer after the 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass at St. Jerome until 10:00pm

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Join us at 2:00 pm at St. Francis, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary, and a talk on the last 4 words of Jesus..





DEATH SWALLOWED UP

in Victory



By Monsignor Frank Matera

During Holy Week, we celebrate the central mystery of our faith, namely, the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Palm Sunday, we recall Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Then in the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, we enter into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus's saving death and life-giving resurrection. These three days form a single feast that begins with the Lord's Supper, moves to his death on Good Friday, and finds its climax at the Easter Vigil when the Church proclaims that Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen!

This Sacred Triduum, which forms one feast, is our celebration of the mystery of Jesus's death and resurrection. We are not simply remembering something that happened in the past. We are not just recalling what happened to Jesus long ago. We are actually entering into the mystery of his death and resurrection. With Jesus we die to the power of sin and death. With Jesus we rise and enter the new creation of life and grace that his resurrection brings.

Through the Paschal Mystery, death is swallowed up in victory. Although each one of us will die, death will not be the final word of our lives. Although each of us will depart from this life, our lives will be changed, not ended, because Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Saint Paul calls Jesus "the first fruits" of those who will rise from the dead. What has already happened to Jesus will happen to all who are united to him. Like Jesus, they will be raised into new life, resurrection life, a life that is beyond our human comprehension. It is not just our soul that will be saved; it is our body as well. It is not just we who will be saved, it is the whole of God's beautiful creation that will be saved as well. For when we enter into resurrection life, we enter into God's new creation in Christ where all things are new because death has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ's resurrection.

During this Holy Week, make every effort to participate in the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Remember that these three days for one feast: the Lord's Passover from Death to Life. During these days, we are not just remembering the past. We are entering into the mystery of Christ's saving death and resurrection. With Christ we will die and rise. With Christ we will enter into God's new creation because death has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

We can and ought to live with unbounded hope and confidence. For no matter what suffering we must face, the cross gives way to the resurrection. No matter how fearful the prospect of death may be, the power of death has been swallowed up in the victory of Christ's resurrection.

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ALTHOUGH EACH

ONE OF US

WILL DIE,

DEATH WILL NOT

BE THE *final word*

OF OUR LIVES.

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March 29 & April 5, 2026



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Learn More &
APPLY NOW!



ChestertonSFA.org

Virtual Info Session

Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm

PreRegistration Required at ChestertonSFA.org

Open House & Info Session

Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 1:00 pm

30 Pendleton Road, New Britain, CT 06053



Join us for a Virtual Bible Study for the Deaf Community

Thursdays at 7:00pm on Zoom

Contact Fr. Yates:

fr.yates@stfranciscatholic.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 31 SCHOLARSHIP

Our New Britain Knights of Columbus Council 31 is offering a scholarship of up to \$3,000 for Catholic students in need. Applications are available in our office and on our website.

Students applying must meet these Scholarship Requirements:

- ▶ Must be an active parishioner of St Francis of Assisi Parish
- ▶ Must be attending a tuition based Catholic Elementary, High School or College in the coming school year

Note: Preferences will be to active Knights of Columbus Council #31 members, their children or grandchildren

Applicant must provide the following:

- ▶ Completed application
- ▶ Letter of acceptance from the school
- ▶ Essay (250 word minimum)
- ▶ Letter of support from your Pastor, Parish Priest, or Religious
- ▶ Faith in Action summary

The full application package must be received by the New Britain Knights of Columbus Council 31 by April 30th. Submit by email to ccarlozzi@hotmail.com or in person to the Parish Office.

ST. FRANCIS highlights

It's only a few months into 2026 and our parish is focused more than ever on spreading the Gospel of Jesus and fostering strong community. Check out some highlights from the first few months of

- ◆ Family Adoration
 - ◆ Knights of Columbus
 - ◆ Chesterton Academy
 - ◆ Family Faith Formation
 - ◆ CCSU Campus Ministry
 - ◆ Music Ministry
- and so much more!*

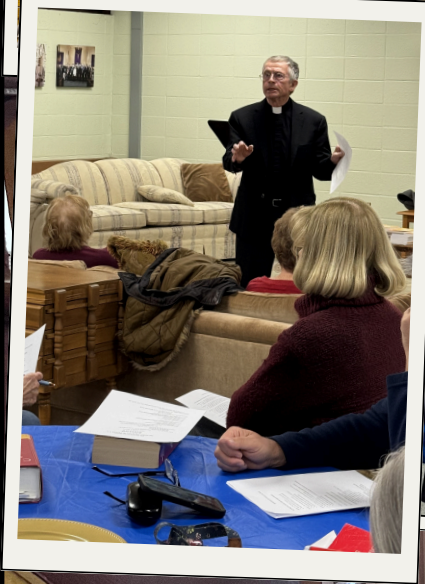


Thank you to Bob Donahue, our longtime Bingo volunteer organizer for your many years of dedication!

Congratulations to Bryan Anderson, our St. Joseph Medal of Honor recipient!



See our Choir featured on ORTV after their Easter Mass!



CALLING ALL MEN

Join us for a new Men's Group!

Saturday Mornings Beginning April 18th

6: 00 am at St. Francis Church Hall



Men of the parish are invited for fraternity, formation, as well as the opportunity for confession at 7:30 am and Mass at 8:00 am.

Coffee and treats will be served. Come when you can, stay for as long as you can. Contact Fr. Yates (fr.yates@stfranciscatholic.org) with any questions.

SAINT FRANCIS LADIES GUILD



invites you to

An Afternoon with a Guest Speaker from the

NEW BRITAIN MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Followed by a light lunch
Desserts & Beverages will be served



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

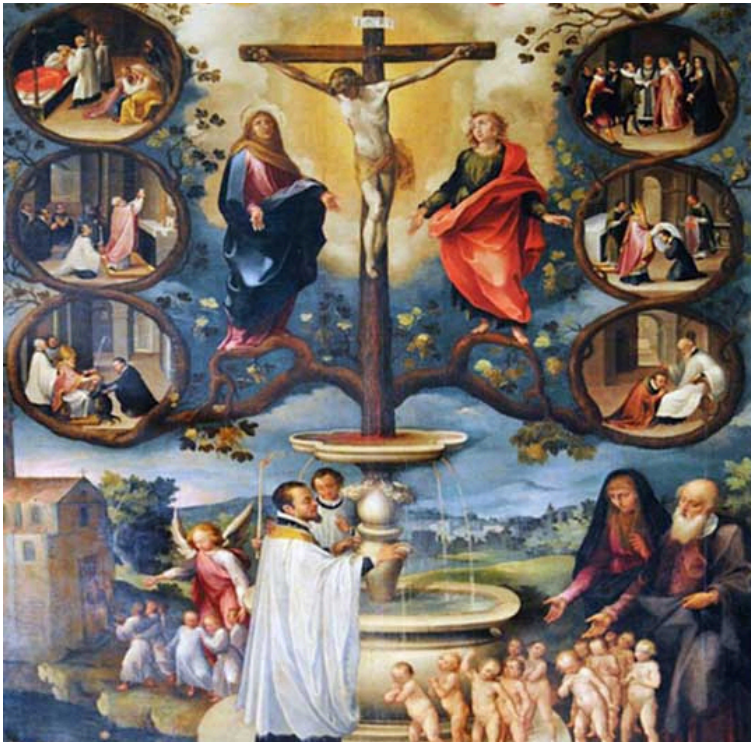
For questions call the Parish Office or reach out to active Ladies Guild members Maria Lazicki, Donna Domizio, Mary LeBel, Dorothy Krein, or Mary Morocco



Tuesday, April 14 from 1:00-3:00pm
St. Francis Church Hall

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 ♦ 10-11:30 AM ♦ ST. MAURICE HALL



Rescheduled from March!

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE THE
Sacraments of Healing

RECONCILIATION ANOINTING OF THE SICK

and Sacraments supporting the Church Community

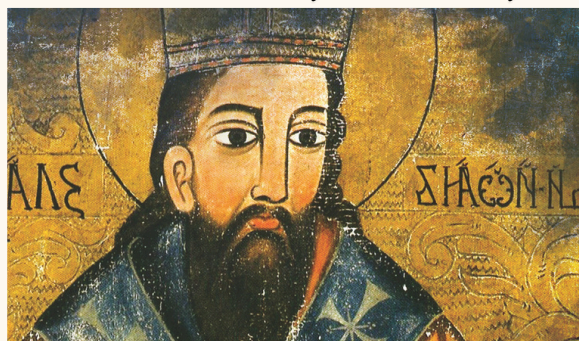
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ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN* WELCOME
PRE-REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED
**Nursery age - High School*

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THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"

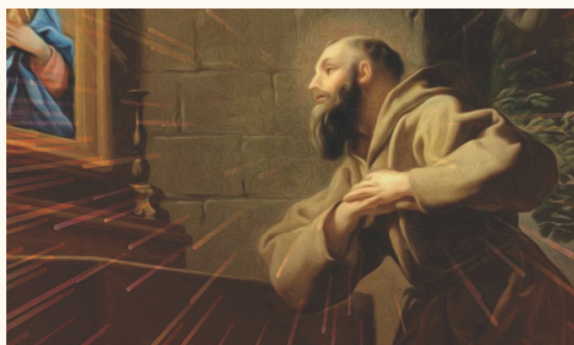


Feast Day of
SAINT BENJAMIN
DEACON & MARTYR

Celebrated on: Tuesday, March 31

Feast Day of
SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA

Celebrated on: Thursday, April 2



Feast Day of
SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR

Celebrated on: Saturday, April 4



Feast Day of
SAINT JULIANA OF CORNILLON

Celebrated on: Monday, April 6



Feast Day of
SAINT STANISLAUS

Celebrated on: Saturday, April 11



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ONGOING MINISTRIES

AA MEETINGS

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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Resumes Monday, April 13. Meets Mondays, 6:00pm at St. Francis School.
 Deacon Al will teach Catholic Apologetics and how to defend the 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:

Pasta Sauce

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

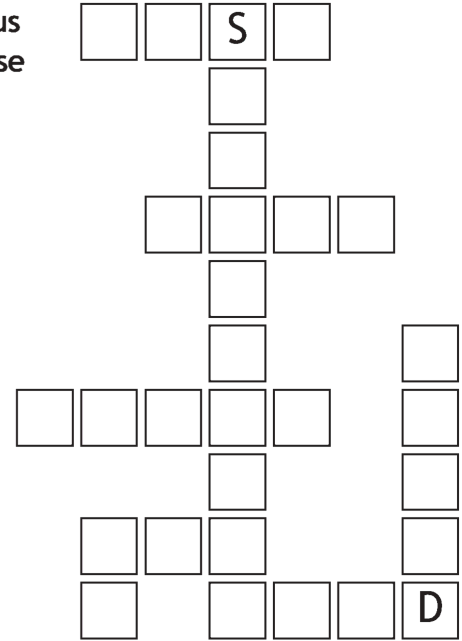
Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Scriptures
said Jesus
would rise
to life.



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