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CATHOLIC

THE BULLETIN

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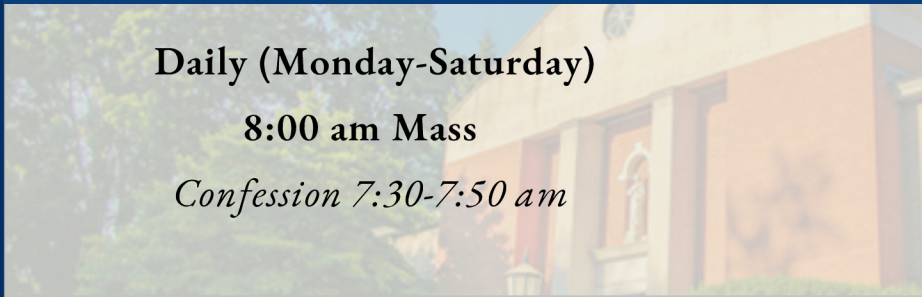
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Mass, Confession & Adoration Times

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 (all at St. Francis)

 <p>Daily (Monday-Saturday) 8:00 am Mass <i>Confession 7:30-7:50 am</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

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

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

Weekly Collection

March 22, 2026: \$10,063.11

March 29, 2026: \$9,926.47

April 5, 2026: \$15,488.18

Holy Land Collection: \$2,100.00

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

Mass Attendance

March 22, 2026: 628

March 29, 2026: 718

April 5, 2026: 1,039

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



IN LOVING MEMORY

we pray for:



Dorene Reyes

*Passed away
February 25, 2026*



Alexander Kaczynski

*Passed away
April 3, 2026*

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

FATIMA HOLY HOUR



The next Fatima Holy Hour will be **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th,**
2:00 pm at St. Francis Church. Join us for:



Join us for a Virtual Bible Study for the Deaf Community

Thursdays at 7:00pm on Zoom

Contact Fr. Yates:

fr.yates@stfranciscatholic.org

April 12 & April 19, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

Saturday, April 11

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

4:00 pm: 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

Monday, April 13

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 am: +Lucy Agostinucci

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 am: +Sharon Taratula

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 16

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, April 17

8:00 am: +Penny & Frank D'Addabbo

Saturday, April 18

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Robert & Frances Smith

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Nicholas Salerni

Sunday, April 19 *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Angelina & Paola Fisicaro

10:30 am: St. Francis: Deceased Members of the Collin & Truglio Families

Monday, April 20

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 am: +Elizabeth Spinella

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 am: +Aniela Pietrzekiewicz

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 23

8:00 am: +Kazimierz & Cecylia Klekawka

Friday, April 24

8:00 am: +Paul & Maria Messina

Saturday, April 25

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Richard & Kathryn Valerio

Sunday, April 26 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Marie LaFlamme

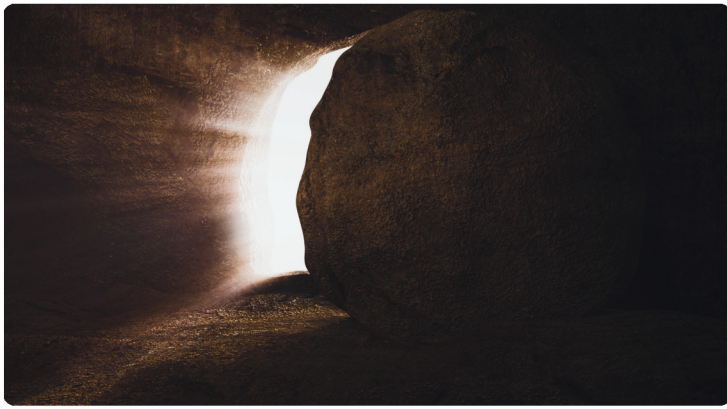
10:30 am: St. Francis: +Margaret & Karol Bendzi Jr. & Family

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

EMAIL NOTIFICATION



In the event of inclement weather, schedule changes or cancellations, this will be the primary way to notify parishioners. To opt in, email your name and email to: notification@stfranciscatholic.org. *We cannot send texts or make phone calls.*



THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Part One: The Witnesses



By Monsignor Frank Matera

The mystery of Jesus's resurrection is so great that the church celebrates and meditates on her Lord's resurrection for fifty days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. Given the importance of our Lord's resurrection, I will dedicate the next few columns to a study of 1 Corinthians 15, a chapter in which Saint Paul explains the mystery of the resurrection.

Paul begins this chapter by reminding the Corinthians of the gospel he first preached to them, the gospel by which their faith stands or falls. He says that he handed on to them what he received from others namely, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Kephaz, then to the Twelve. The gospel that Paul preaches is the good news of Jesus's death and resurrection.

Paul insists that the resurrection of Jesus was attested to by many witnesses: people to whom the risen Lord appeared: Kephaz (Peter), the Twelve, a large group of 500 people (many of whom were still alive when Paul was writing), James, and then all the apostles. Last of all, Paul insists, the risen Lord appeared to him, the least of the apostles because he had persecuted the church.

The resurrection of Jesus is not a myth. It is not a story that Paul and others made up. It is an event to which many witnesses, including Paul, can testify. The risen Jesus appeared to a host of people who became witnesses to what they heard and saw; namely, the crucified Jesus who died on the cross has been raised from the dead. We have seen him! We have heard his voice! He is alive!

But what does it mean to say that people saw the risen Lord? What did they see and hear? Was the risen Jesus merely a spirit, a ghost? Or was he raised bodily from the dead? And if he was raised bodily from the dead, what kind of body did he have? These are the questions with which Paul will deal in the rest of chapter 15 and which I will discuss in the weeks ahead. By way of anticipating what I will say, allow me to summarize two important points that Paul will make about the resurrection:

First, he will teach us that the resurrection was not an isolated event that only touched Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus has implications for us as well. For if Jesus has been raised bodily from the dead, then our bodies will also be raised from the dead. Put simply, it is not just our soul that will be saved, it is our body as well. We will be raised into the same resurrection life that Jesus enjoys. Second, our resurrection body will be what St. Paul calls a "spiritual body" because it will be animated by the Spirit of God. We will not merely return to our former bodily existence; we will be raised up, bodily, into the resurrection life Jesus enjoys.

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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

SAINT FRANCIS PARISH PICNIC

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

After the 4:00pm Mass at St. Jerome

Join us for an enjoyable evening to kick off summer as a parish family

Hotdogs | Hamburgers | Snacks | Games

Music | Fun | Community | and More!

For questions or to bring a dessert, please contact the Parish Office at (860) 224-2411

“Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”
-Palm Sunday Procession



CHRISTUS VICTOR

As we celebrate the Victory of Christ in the Easter season, join us for a look back on some of our featured highlights from our parish journey through Holy Week, from Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday, to Good Friday and the glorious Easter celebration!

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“
If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet.

-Holy Thursday Gospel, John 13:14

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*Behold the wood of the cross,
on which hung the salvation
of the world.*

-Good Friday Adoration of the Holy Cross

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“
*This is the night, when Christ broke the
prison-bars of death and rose victorious
from the underworld.*
”

-Easter Vigil Exsultet



“Christ
indeed



is
risen”

-Easter Sunday Sequence
'Christians, To The Paschal Victim'





CULTURA VITAE

CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Open House & Info Session

Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 1:00 pm

30 Pendleton Road, New Britain, CT 06053

Learn More &

APPLY NOW!

ChestertonSFA.org



Knights of Columbus Council 31 Scholarship

Applications must be submitted by Thursday, April 30th

Scan the QR Code to get started

Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus Council 31 for their work in organizing the pancake breakfast and for all they do around our parish!



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THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast Day of **SAINT BERNADETTE**

Celebrated on: Thursday, April 16

Feast Day of **SAINT ANSELM**

Celebrated on: Tuesday, April 21



Feast Day of **SAINT ADALBERT** BISHOP & MARTYR

Celebrated on: Wednesday, April 22



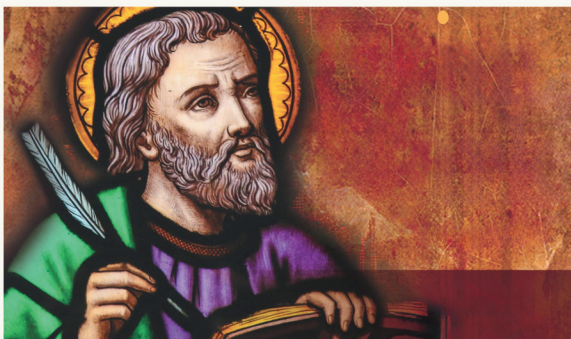
Feast Day of **SAINT GEORGE**

Celebrated on: Friday, April 24



Feast Day of **SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST**

Celebrated on: Saturday, April 25



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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 items most needed this week are:

- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal
- Tuna
- Canned Vegetables

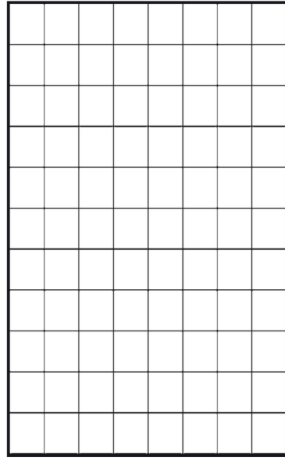
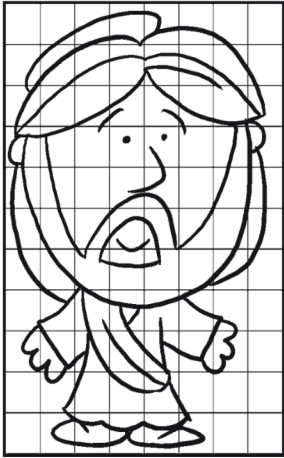
- Cereal
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Canned Soup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit &
- Vegetables
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

- Canned Meat/Tuna
- Instant Potato and Rice
- Mixes
- Ramen Noodles
- Mac and Cheese
- Snack Items:
- Cookies, Crackers, etc.



PUZZLE

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MISSION

Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus	Christ	village
talking	Moses	bread
Cleopas	Prophets	Simon

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Pohprets _____

vliagel _____

taklign _____

Crihts _____

berda _____

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Mesos _____

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2nd Sunday of Easter • John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter • Luke 24:13-35