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CATHOLIC

THE BULLETIN

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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 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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Connect on Social Media & Online



www.stfranciscatholic.org



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection

April 12, 2026: \$9,800.31

April 19, 2026: \$12,340.41

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

Mass Attendance

April 12, 2026: 684

April 19, 2026: 670

Thank you for your generosity!

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:



Karen Sacharko

*Passed away
October 5, 2025*



David Fredericks

*Passed away
March 25, 2026*



Barbara Collier

*Passed away
March 28, 2026*



John Koczera

*Passed away
April 6, 2026*



Shannon Smith

*Passed away
April 6, 2026*



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

Pope Leo's April Prayer Intention: For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



April 26 & May 3, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

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

Monday, April 27

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 am: +Clare Onorato & +Helen Morrissey

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 30

8:00 am: +Carlo Carlozzi Sr.

Friday, May 1

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, May 2

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the
Bieszad & Kaczmarczyk Families

Sunday, May 3 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Salvatore Sequenzia & Family

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Mario John Caggiano

Monday, May 4

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am: +Matthew Carlina

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 7

8:00 am: +Giuseppe & Rosa Ricciardi

Friday, May 8

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, May 9

8:00 am: St. Francis: Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Marion Valentine

Sunday, May 10 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Nell, Morris & Ron Noveck

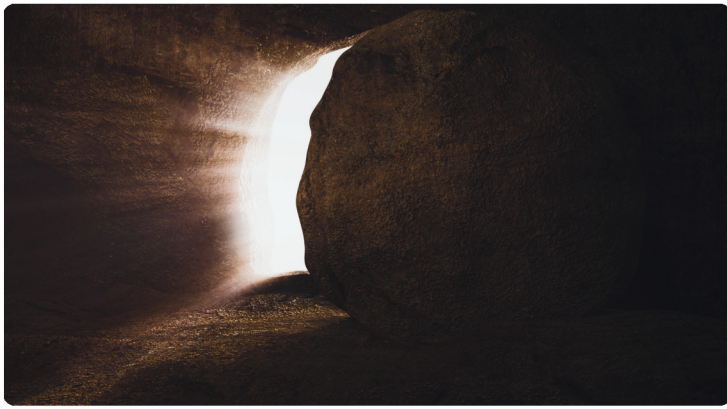
10:30 am: St. Francis: Deceased Members of the Niro
& Messina Families

*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 Two: Our Bodies Will be Raised



By Monsignor Frank Matera

In my last column, I discussed 1 Corinthians 15 in which Saint Paul lists the many witnesses who saw the risen Jesus. In this column, I write about what Saint Paul teaches about the resurrection of our bodies, which we will experience at the end of the ages.

Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians because some of them did not believe that there would be a bodily resurrection. Although they professed their faith in the risen Christ, they did not expect that their bodies would be raised from the dead. After all, isn't the purpose of life to escape from the body and live in the Spirit? Isn't it enough for our soul to be saved? The Corinthians did not understand the full implications of what God had done by raising Jesus from the dead. They did not realize that just as the body of Jesus had been raised from the dead into new life, so their earthly bodies would be raised into new life.

Saint Paul maintains that if we are not raised from the dead, then neither was Jesus raised from the dead. And if Jesus was not raised from the dead, then our preaching about the resurrection is false, our faith is empty, and we are still in our sins.

But this is not the case. Jesus has been raised from the dead, and his resurrection has important implications for

those who believe in him. Jesus is the "first fruits" of a future resurrection that will include all believers. What happened to him will happen to us. And so, just as Christ was raised bodily from the dead, so will we. It is not just our soul that will be saved, it is our body as well.

Saint Paul presents us with a magnificent vision of God's final victory over the power of Death. He says that at the present time Christ is reigning as king over all creation. As he reigns, his enemies are being subjected to him. The last and most powerful enemy to be conquered will be "Death, which will be defeated once and for all at the General Resurrection of the Dead. On that day, all who belong to Christ will be raised to new life, and Death will be vanquished forever. On that day, God will be all in all.

We think of salvation in terms of saving our soul, and this is true. But the Christian vision of salvation is more expansive than the salvation of our soul. Our body will be saved as well. Indeed, the whole of God's creation will be saved and renewed at the resurrection of the dead. It is not just a part of us that will be saved but the whole of us, our body as well as our soul. Indeed, the whole of God's creation.

But what kind of body will we enjoy when we are raised from the dead? What is a resurrection body? These are the questions Saint Paul addresses in the final part of 1 Corinthians 15, which I will discuss in my next column. Read 1 Corinthians 15.

“
INDEED, THE WHOLE
OF GOD'S CREATION
will be saved
AND RENEWED AT
THE RESURRECTION
OF THE DEAD.
”

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

10-11:30 AM | ST. MAURICE HALL

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN* WELCOME

CONTACT KATIE KING WITH QUESTIONS AT

[KATIE@STFRANCISCATHOLIC.ORG](mailto:katie@stfranciscatholic.org)

**Nursery age - High School*



Thank you to all who attended our April class!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join us
Friday, May 1
St. Francis Church
5:00-10:00pm




FEAST of the ASCENSION
May 14th

Wednesday May 13
6:00 pm Vigil - St. Francis

Thursday May 14
8:00 am - St. Francis
12:00 pm - St. Jerome
6:00 pm - St. Francis



Family Adoration
AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

23 MAY	ST. FRANCIS CHURCH	9 AM TO 11 AM
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CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN! CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE & RESERVE YOUR SPOT WITH THE QR CODE (RSVP IS REQUIRED):



April 26 & May 3, 2026

CALLING ALL MEN

Join us for a new Men's Group!

Saturday Mornings

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

A FLORAL BASKET DEMONSTRATION

KARABIN FARMS

Followed by an Ice Cream Social



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, or Mary Morocco



Tuesday, May 12 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

COMMUNITY

Snapshots



Happy Birthday Father Casey!



St. Francis Staff attend the Light of Faith banquet for the Apostles of the Sacred Heart



Celebrating Mass at the Office of Radio & TV



Our new altar server Alexander Figbie serves his first Mass

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CAPTURING *the heart* OF PARISH LIFE



Baptism of Samuel Hodges



Baptism of Ab'lias Flores



Baptism of Joseph Goemans



First Communion and Confirmation of Robin Lecco



CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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APPLY NOW!
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Women's Holy Hour

Women's Holy Hour for Vocations, followed by dinner. Join us for this free event!

FRIDAY, MAY 8 AT 6:00 PM

St. Bridget of Sweden Parish, 175 Main St, Cheshire, CT

Scan QR code to
RSVP by April 30



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD
Office of Seminarians and Vocations

A Note from our Food Pantry

Recently, one of our pantry volunteers happened to see a parishioner quietly carrying two bags of needed grocery items into St. Jerome Church. It was a simple yet heartwarming moment, and a reminder that our commitment to caring for one another is year round.

There are many families in our community who rely on this support. If you are able, please considering adding a few needed items to your weekly shopping and bringing them to church. Every contribution—large or small—makes a real difference. Thank you for continuing to live out our faith in such tangible and generous ways.



Join us for a Virtual Bible Study for the Deaf Community

Thursdays at 7:00pm on Zoom

Contact Fr. Yates:

fr.yates@stfranciscatholic.org

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THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast Day of SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT

Celebrated on: Tuesday, April 28

Feast Day of SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Celebrated on: Wednesday, April 29



Feast Day of POPE SAINT PIUS V

Celebrated on: Thursday, April 30



Feast Day of SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Celebrated on: Friday, May 1



Feast Day of SAINT ATHANASIUS BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH *Celebrated on: Saturday, May 2*

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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

Find the lamb that is different!



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PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS
TRUST
PREPARE

PLACE
GOING
FATHER

BELIEVE
LIVING
MIRACLES

A	T	N	A	Y	H	O	F	N	T	W
H	M	O	P	R	E	P	A	R	E	H
A	I	S	A	E	A	S	T	N	I	M
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N	C	Y	A	O	S	U	R	S	I	A
S	L	H	P	B	E	L	I	E	V	E
O	E	W	L	U	T	S	H	T	I	H
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4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:1-10

5th Sunday of Easter • John 14:1-12