



ST. FRANCIS
CATHOLIC

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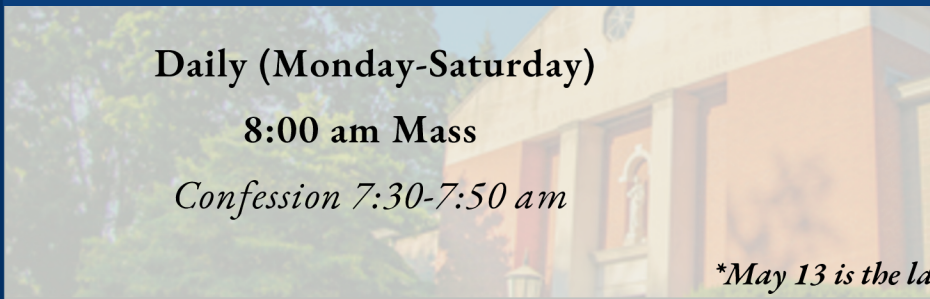
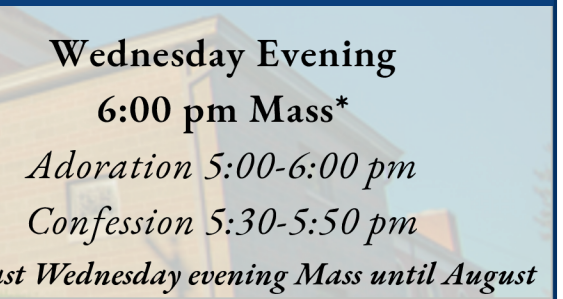
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Weekends

 <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 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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**May 13 is the last Wednesday evening Mass until August*

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>

**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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www.stfranciscatholic.org



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection

April 26, 2026: \$10,558.00

May 3, 2026: \$10,850.99

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

Mass Attendance

April 26, 2026: 641

May 3, 2026: 646

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



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN



On the weekend of May 17th we will take up a second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Half of the money collected remain here in the Archdiocese of Hartford to support local efforts in spreading the gospel using the internet, television, radio and print media. The other half supports the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States. Learn more at USCCB.org/cc.

IN LOVING MEMORY

we pray for:



Ancilla Carver

Passed away

January 12, 2026



Beverly Tinder

Passed away

April 3, 2026



Adeline Nielson

Passed away

April 22, 2026



Anne Erickson

Passed away

April 28, 2026

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

MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 2026

Mark your calendars! Mass Intentions for the months of July, August & September 2026 will be available to reserve beginning **Monday, June 1**. 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

May 10 & May 17, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

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

Monday, May 11

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 14 *Feast of the Ascension*

8:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

12:00 pm: St. Jerome: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, May 15

8:00 am: +Pietro, Peter & Angela Niro

Saturday, May 16

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Elsie Pagliaro

Sunday, May 17 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Garrett & Dorothy Casey

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Connie Famularo

Monday, May 18

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 am: +Giuseppina Carlozzi

Thursday, May 21

8:00 am: +Victor Ragalis

Friday, May 22

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, May 23

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Helen K. Grill

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

Sunday, May 24 *Pentecost*

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS

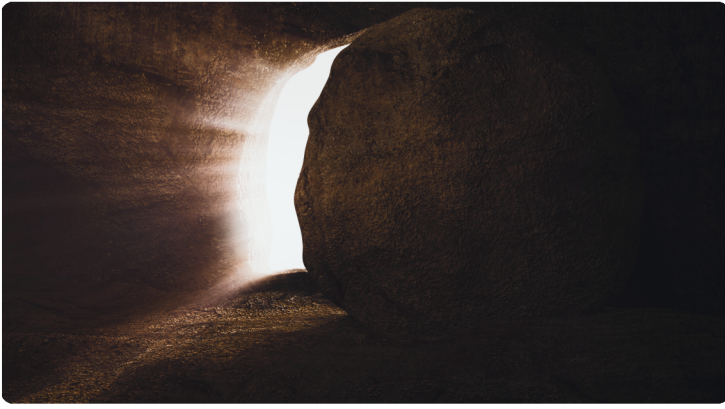
Wednesday, May 13th will be our last 6:00pm evening
Mass of the season. It will return in August.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25

◆ Mass will be at 9:00 am
◆ There are no confessions

◆ The Parish Office is closed



THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Part Three: Our Resurrection Body



By Monsignor Frank Matera

In the past two columns, I have been discussing Saint Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 15 about the resurrection of the dead. In 1 Cor 15:1-11 Paul pointed to the many witnesses to Jesus's resurrection. In 1 Cor 15:12-34 he taught us that just as Jesus was raised bodily at his resurrection from the dead, so will our bodies be raised at the general resurrection of the dead. Then Death will be conquered once and for all. Today, I turn to 1 Cor 15:35-58 in which Paul describes what he means by a resurrection body. In these verses, he gives us an inkling to what we will experience after death in the general resurrection of the dead.

Paul begins with an objection: "But someone may say, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come back?'" This is a powerful objection. After all, what is the use of returning to our old body just as it is? If that is what will happen, then we will die again. For example, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, but Lazarus died again.

Saint Paul raises this objection because he wants to be clear that he is not talking about resuscitation from the dead. Resurrection does not mean a return to our former existence as it was. Paul is talking about the transformation of our bodies. Our bodies will be changed and

transformed into a spiritual body. But what is a spiritual body? The very term seems to be a contradiction. How can a body be spiritual? Isn't a body corporal?

To answer these objections, Paul reminds us that just as the seed that is planted in the earth dies and produces a plant that is different but in continuity with the seed, so it is with our earthly body. It is planted in the earth at death and raised to new life in a glorious spiritual body animated by the power of God's Spirit. As we once bore the image of Adam and lived in our earthly body, so we will bear the image of Christ, the new Adam, and live in a resurrection body that cannot die because it is made alive by the power of God's Spirit.

This is good news! We are destined for resurrection glory. Although our present body will die and fall into corruption, it will be raised immortal and incorruptible into God's new creation. Then we will enjoy with all our loved ones the same resurrection life that Jesus now enjoys. Then we will enter God's new creation. It is not just a part of us that will be saved but the whole of us, body as well as soul. Indeed, the whole of God's beautiful creation will be renewed and saved.

And so Paul concludes, "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting." Death is swallowed up in the victory of Christ's resurrection, and we will share in that victory. Read 1 Corinthians 15.

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to our families, teachers, Fr. Casey, Fr. Yates and everyone who made this year's Family Faith Formation a success! We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for Family Faith Formation dates for 2026/2027!

Sep. 13
Oct. 11
Nov. 8

Dec. 13
Jan. 10
Feb. 14

Mar. 14
Apr. 11
May. 2*

*snow makeup day if needed



FATIMA HOLY HOUR



The next Fatima Holy Hour will be
Sunday, May 10,
 2:00 pm at St. Francis Church.
 Join us for:



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 | **ST. FRANCIS** | **9 AM**
 MAY | CHURCH | TO 11 AM

CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN! CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE & RESERVE YOUR SPOT WITH THE QR CODE (RSVP IS REQUIRED):

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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

with

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



*Baptism of
Theodore Anastasas & Olivia Dileria*



*Congratulations to our First Communion class
Sonny Birritteri, Everly Arroyo & Gabriel Kosiorek*



**CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Learn More &
APPLY NOW!



ChestertonSFA.org

Virtual Info Session

Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm

Scan the QR code or visit us at ChestertonSFA.org to register. Pre-registration is required.



Open House & Info Session

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 1:00 pm

30 Pendleton Road, New Britain, CT 06053

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CORPUS CHRISTI

procession

Sunday, June 7, 2026



All parishioners are invited to come to the 10:30 am Mass or join us at 12:15 pm for the procession!

The route begins at St. Francis Church, proceeds down Kilbourne Avenue, Hazelmere Road, Lyle Road & Pendleton Road and returns to Church property.

There will also be an additional, smaller procession on the campus of St. Jerome after the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 6

CONSECRATING THE UNITED STATES to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops joins this celebration by lifting up the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country. In a historic moment, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026, and invite all parishes to join in this consecration.

JOIN US FOR:

Holy Hour & Novena to the Sacred Heart

Daily: Wednesday, June 3 - Thursday, June 11
5:00 - 6:00 pm at St. Francis

Adoration on First Friday, June 5 will continue overnight into Saturday, June 6

Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass

Friday, June 12
6:00 pm at St. Francis



Photo Credit: USCCB

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THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast Day of OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Celebrated on: Wednesday, May 13

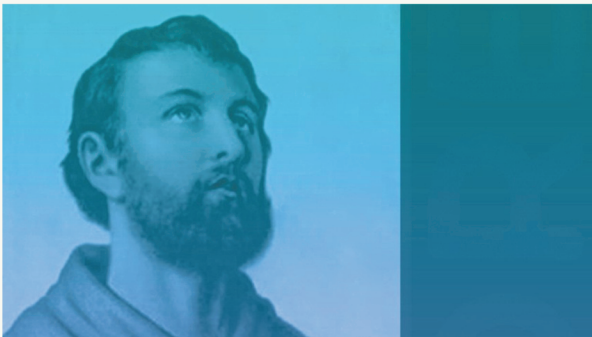
Feast of SAINT MATTHIAS

Celebrated on: Thursday, May 14



Feast Day of SAINT ISIDORE

Celebrated on: Friday, May 15



Feast Day of POPE SAINT URBAN 1

Celebrated on: Tuesday, May 19



Feast Day of SAINT RITA

Celebrated on: Friday, May 22



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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

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

Circle the pictures that show love.



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PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

ETERNAL
CHRIST
FATHER

GLORY
GIVEN
FOLLOWERS

WORLD
SHOWN
PRAYING

E	A	I	T	O	I	E	U	P	E	Y
T	C	H	R	I	S	T	Y	A	R	I
A	F	L	O	H	R	E	O	I	A	T
S	O	A	F	W	O	R	L	D	P	O
I	L	N	A	E	L	N	I	S	R	N
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A	O	R	H	U	G	L	O	R	Y	R
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6th Sunday of Easter • John 14:15-21

7th Sunday of Easter • Joh 17:1-11a