



ST. FRANCIS
CATHOLIC

THE BULLETIN

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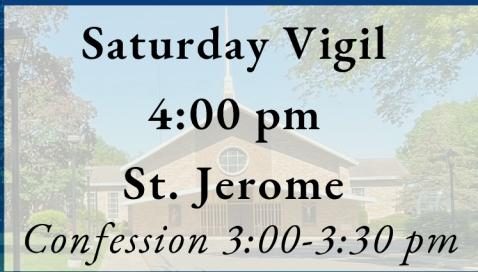
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Mass, Confession & Adoration Times

Weekends



Saturday Vigil
4:00 pm
St. Jerome
Confession 3:00-3:30 pm



Sunday
8:30 am
St. Maurice



Sunday
10:30 am
St. Francis

Weekdays (all at St. Francis)



Daily (Monday-Saturday) 8:00 am Mass <i>Confession 7:30-7:50 am</i>	Wednesday Evening <i>Adoration 5:00-6:00 pm</i> <i>Confession 5:30-5:50 pm</i>
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Our Parish Churches

St. Francis <i>1755 Stanley Street New Britain, CT 06053</i>	St. Jerome <i>1010 Slater Road New Britain, CT 06053</i>	St. Maurice <i>100 Wightman Road New Britain, CT 06052</i>	St. Joseph* <i>195 S. Main Street New Britain, CT 06051</i>	St. Peter* <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

May 10, 2026: \$11,894.21

May 17, 2026: \$11,728.49

Catholic Communication

Campaign: \$1,800.00

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

Mass Attendance

May 10, 2026: 682

May 17, 2026: 634

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



Thank you for your generosity!

IN LOVING MEMORY

we pray for:



David Fredericks

*Passed away
March 25, 2026*



Pamela Duval

*Passed away
May 2, 2026*



Anthony Pleckaitis

*Passed away
May 7, 2026*



Emma Berloni

*Passed away
May 7, 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 24 & May 31, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

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

Monday, May 25 *Memorial Day*

***9:00 am:** +Gino Ricciardi

Tuesday, May 26

8:00 am: +David Fiori

Wednesday, May 27

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

Thursday, May 28

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Friday, May 29

8:00 am: +Robert LeBel

Saturday, May 30

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Fred Seregent

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the
Twarkins & Belanger Families

Sunday, May 31 *Holy Trinity*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Normand D. Dube

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Rolando & Gloria Velasco

Monday, June 1

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, June 2

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, June 3

8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Kurtz Family

Thursday, June 4

8:00 am: +Cecylia & Kazimierz Klekawka

Friday, June 5

8:00 am: +Rosalie Rizzo

Saturday, June 6

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

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

Sunday, June 7 *Corpus Christi*

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.*

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 25

- ◆ Mass will be at 9:00 am
- ◆ There are no confessions
- ◆ The Parish Office is closed



Life in the Spirit: Part One



By Monsignor Frank Matera

On Sunday, May 24, we celebrate Pentecost, the fiftieth day of Easter. On this day we pray for a new and powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church so that we can live our lives in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the source of the Christian life, the power that enables us to live as Jesus did. Put simply, the Christian life is life in the Spirit. But what does this mean? Saint Paul provides us with the answer to this question in Romans 8, the passage I will discuss in this column.

In Romans 8 Paul draws a contrast between two ways of life: living according to the flesh and living according to the Spirit. These two ways of life are diametrically opposed to each other. Either we live according to the flesh or we live according to the Spirit. There is no middle ground.

Living according to the flesh means living on a purely human level. Those who live in this way measure everything they do by what they can see, hear and touch. Their lives are directed and guided by their concern for the desires they have for this world. There is no room in their lives for the Spirit of God. And so St. Paul says that those who live according to the flesh are hostile to God.

In contrast to those who live according to the flesh, those who live according to the Spirit live in an entirely new way. They allow their lives to be guided by the power of God's Holy Spirit. They measure their lives in the light of God's Spirit. This is why St. Paul writes to those who believe in Christ: "But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the Spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you" (Romans 8:9). Saint Paul goes on to say that if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us, then God will raise our mortal bodies from the dead just as he raised the body of Jesus from the dead (Romans 8:11).

Life in the Spirit means living by the power of God's Spirit that dwells in us. It entails judging what we do in the light of the Spirit rather than in the light of the flesh; for while the Spirit endures forever, the flesh is mortal and passing. When we live according to the Spirit, the Spirit empowers us to live in a new and more powerful way. We become more generous. We take greater risks for the sake of Christ and the gospel. We pray in the power of the Spirit. We enter into God's new creation and are destined for resurrection life.

Life in the Spirit is not reserved for the few. It is the way that we ought to live our lives every day. This is why Pentecost is so important. For it was on this day that the Spirit of the risen Christ was given to us. This is why we can live our lives with and by the power of God's Spirit.

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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



*Thank you to all
who have
contributed food to
our St. Joseph Food
Pantry especially the
United States Postal
Service and the
Stamp Out Hunger
Food Drive!*





ANOTHER YEAR

As the spring semester comes to a close, our CCSU Campus ministry gathered for a final retreat and evening of faith, friends, and fellowship.

in the books



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Crowning of Our Lady



Confirmed *in Faith*



*Confirmation of Avery DiGiovanna, Bryce DiGiovanna,
First Holy Communion & Confirmation of Sara Carvajal*



First Holy Communion & Confirmation of Cole Sousa



*Confirmation of Antonio Feola, Gennaro Feola, David Hunt,
and Michael Messina*



*First Holy Communion and Confirmation of
Edwin Anthony Cardona*

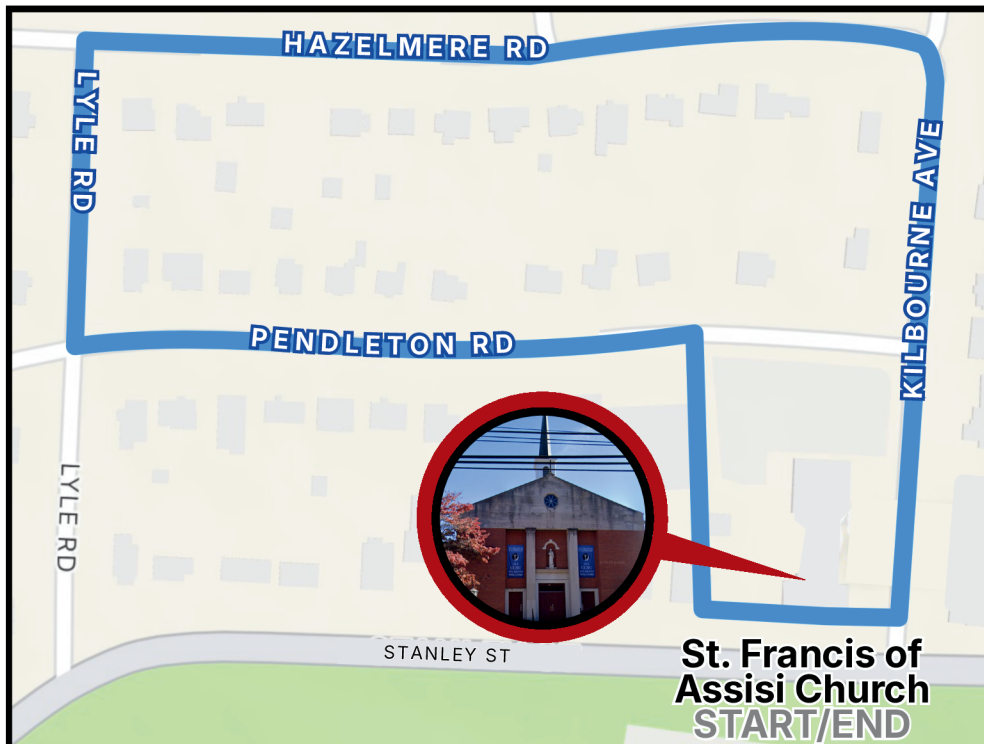
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CORPUS CHRISTI

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



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THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast Day of
SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE
PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Celebrated on: Monday, May 25

Memorial of

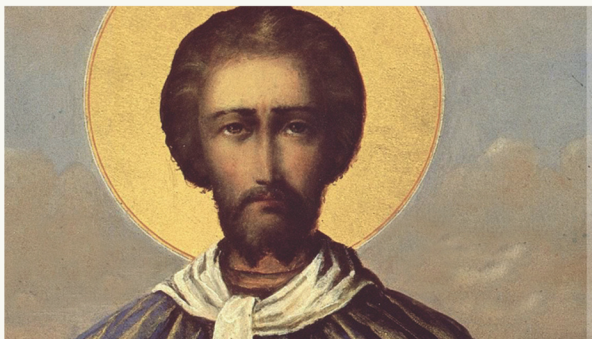
SAINT PHILIP NERI
PRIEST

Celebrated on: Tuesday, May 26



Memorial of
SAINT JUSTIN
MARTYR

Celebrated on: Monday, June 1



Memorial of
SAINT CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS
MARTYRS

Celebrated on: Wednesday, June 3



Memorial of
SAINT BONIFACE
BISHOP & MARTYR

Celebrated on: Friday, June 5



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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

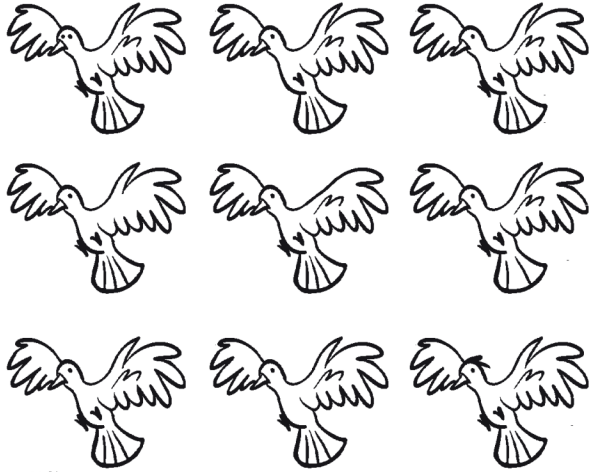
Snack Items:

Cookies, Crackers, etc.



PUZZLE

Circle the two identical doves!



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MISSION

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you forgive others.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Gød	gave	eternal
loved	believes	Son
world	perish	save

oGd G o d

presih _____

noS _____

levod _____

geva _____

eetrnla _____

wrodl _____

bleevise _____

vase _____

Pentecost Sunday • John 20:19-23

The Most Holy Trinity • John 3:16-18