



ST. FRANCIS
CATHOLIC

THE BULLETIN

JUNE 21 - JULY 4, 2026



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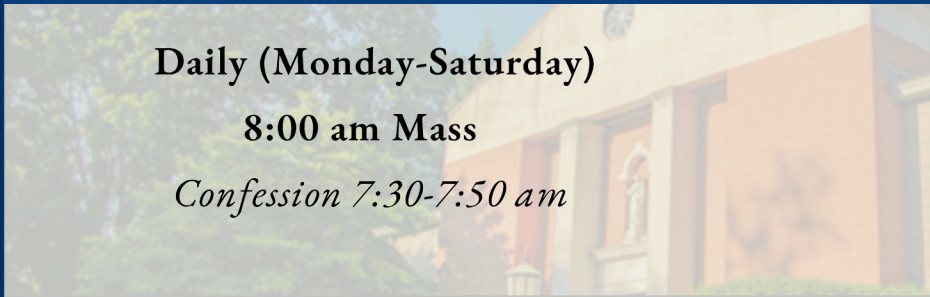
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Weekends

 <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 <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

Due to early deadlines, the Count & Collection for June 14 was unavailable at the time of publication. It will be published in our next issue.

Weekly Collection

June 7, 2026: \$12,429.54

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

Mass Attendance

June 7, 2026: 617

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE



On the weekend of June 28th, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers & sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war & disasters.

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:



Barbara Anderson

*Passed away
June 3, 2026*



Paul Mercak

*Passed away
June 4, 2026*

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

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.*

Pope Leo's June Prayer Intention: For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

Saturday, June 20

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** +Dep Huynh

4:00 pm **Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Carlo Carlozzi Sr. &
+Sister Angela Ricciardi

Sunday, June 21 *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: **St. Maurice:** +George & Marie Parker

10:30 am: **St. Francis:** +John St. Onge

Monday, June 22

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, June 23

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, June 24

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

Thursday, June 25

8:00 am: +Giuseppina Carlozzi

Friday, June 26

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, June 27

8:00 am: **St. Francis:** +Elizabeth Rutkauskas

4:00 pm **Vigil: St. Jerome:** +William & Marie Sanders

Sunday, June 28 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: **St. Maurice:** +Jeffrey Cyr

10:30 am: **St. Francis:** +Jeanne Albert

Monday, June 29

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Leone & Washburn
Families

Wednesday, July 1

8:00 am: +Felix Cruz

Thursday, July 2

8:00 am: +Walter & Michael Klekawka

Friday, July 3

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, July 4

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

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

Sunday, July 5 *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: **St. Maurice:** +Barbara Simpson

10:30 am: **St. Francis:** +Jozef Kornas

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

INDEPENDENCE DAY SCHEDULE

Friday, July 3

Parish Office is closed

Mass is at 8:00 am

Confession is at 7:30 am

Saturday, July 4

Mass is at 8:00 am

Confession is at 7:30 am

Editors Note: With Monsignor Matera on a well deserved Summer Break, Father SPY (yes, that's really Father Yates) will be filling in & serving up his favorite summer recipes and more!

summer special!

The Inside Scoop with Father spy

Father, Can you wear real clothes?

Thank you for that question. Yes, I wear real clothes (clerics are real clothes BTW). You can see in the picture of me here that I wear real clothes. I also wear work-out clothes when I exercise. I do prefer to wear shorts and a tee-shirt on my time off.



This summer, I have asked the young people in our Parish to ask me any questions that they would like to know about me. In this article, I will share those questions and answers with you and I hope that you are able to learn a little more about Father Yates.

Father, do you like to cook?

Well, I do like food, so I do need to be able to cook so I can eat sometimes. But, yes I do enjoy to cook. I like all kinds of food and I like to try new recipes. I have added the recipe for one of my favorite summer time treats, Dirt Cups. They are tasty, easy to make and fun to eat, because it looks like you are eating dirt.

Father, Do you have any pets? Can you have pets?

Great question. I do not have any pets right now. I do have a small fish tank with 6 small fish and 2 shrimp, but I do not even know what kind of fish they are. But I don't consider them to be pets, I can't take them out for a walk. I can have pets as long as the Pastor allows pets in the Parish. I would like to have a dog some day, the type of dog would depend on where I am located. However, I would like to have Saint Bernard or a Bernese Mountain Dog.



FR. SPY SUMMER RECIPES: DIRT CUPS

Makes 5 Servings

INGREDIENTS

- 15 Oreo Cookies
- 15 Gummy Worms
- 3.9 Ounces Instant Chocolate Pudding
- 8 Ounces Whipped Topping, Thawed
- 2 Cups Milk (2%)
- 5 Clear Plastic Cups

DIRECTIONS

- 1 - Crush Oreos in Zip Lock Bag.
- 2 - In a large bowl combine chocolate pudding and milk and whisk 5 minutes. Fold in whipped topping.
- 3 - Layer cups by following : Crushed Oreo - Chocolate pudding - Crushed Oreo - Chocolate pudding - Crushed Oreo. Add gummy worms to dirt.

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Celebrating CORPUS CHRISTI



Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity - on Sunday, June 7, parishioners joined in our Corpus Christi Procession, bringing our Eucharistic Lord to the streets of New Britain.

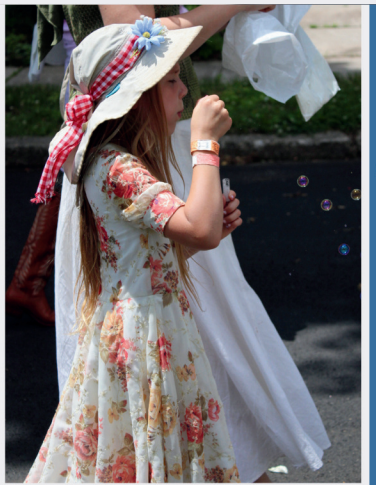
Our sincerest thanks to the New Britain Police Department for coordinating the road closures, our parishioners & neighbors who lent us their front lawns as Adoration sites, as well as to our Knights of Columbus Council 31 for their work in planning and managing logistics, our volunteers who provided assistance throughout the route, our video production team for their production, and our music ministry for the beautiful music throughout the procession.



**"I am the living
bread that came
down from
heaven;
whoever eats this
bread will live
forever"**
John 6:51



June 21 & June 28, 2026



*“Holy God, we
praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we
bow before
Thee!”*



The Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes



Mr. Matteo Perper

as a full time Science & Humanities teacher!

Mr. Matteo Perper graduated from Stanford University with degrees in Chemistry and Italian and earned a master's degree in Modern Thought & Literature. His studies in the natural sciences, literature, and philosophy prepared him to contemplate with students the unity of creation, the order of reason, and the splendor of truth as revealed through both nature and the great works of culture.

Before joining Chesterton Academy, Mr. Perper taught chemistry and coached tennis and squash at The Taft School and worked in Maine as a teaching fellow and counselor at Kieve Wavus

Education. He is especially interested in the history of science, classical literature, Catholic education, and the great encyclopedic works of literature that reflect the ordered fullness of God's creation. For leisure, Mr. Perper enjoys tennis, soccer, hiking, reading, and studying Gregorian chant, which he began learning this past year.

Join us for our final Information Sessions for the 2026/2027 School Year!

VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Thursday, July 9 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, July 12 at 1:00 pm

Saint Francis of Assisi School
30 Pendleton Road, New Britain, CT 06053

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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS



Thank you to the St. Francis Catholic Choir for another beautiful year of music!

The choir will take a break this summer and return in the fall.

Calling All Instrumentalists! St. Francis Catholic Music Ministry's 3rd Annual Summer Session for Instrumentalists is coming soon! If you play a BAND or ORCHESTRAL instrument at a high school level or higher and you are interested in learning more, please contact Elizabeth Famularo, Director of Music elizabeth@stfranciscatholic.org.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



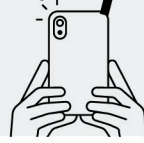
On the weekends of June 21 and 28 please take a baby bottle from the back of any church, and return them filled with coins, cash or check by the weekend of July 12. All funds raised support the Saint Gerard Center for Life in Hartford and the families they serve who have chosen life.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join us
Friday, July 3
St. Francis Church
5:00-10:00pm

COMMUNITY

Snapshots



Baptism of Darwin Matzke



Confirmation of Helen & Pia Hargraves



St. Francis Deaf Ministry goes on retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center



CAPTURING *the heart* OF PARISH LIFE

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THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast Day of
SAINT THOMAS MORE
MARTYR

Celebrated on: Monday, June 22

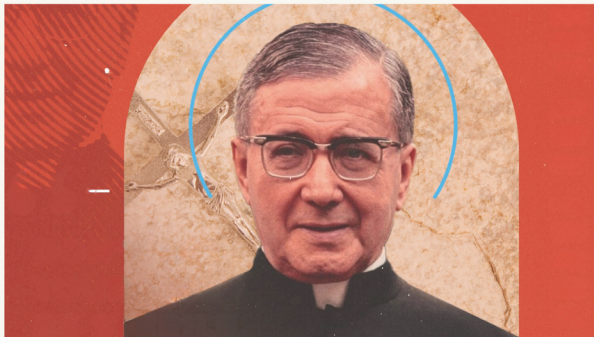
Solemnity of the
NATIVITY OF
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Celebrated on: Wednesday, June 24



Feast Day of
SAINT JOSEMARIA ESCRIVÁ

Celebrated on: Friday, June 26



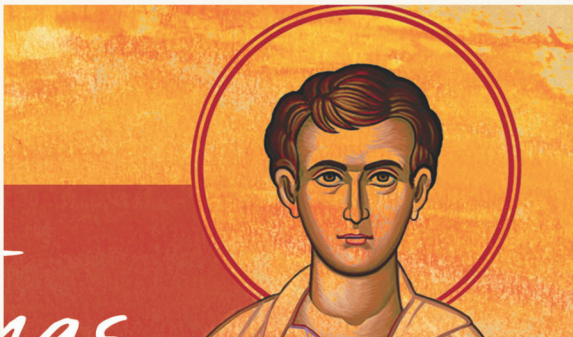
Solemnity of
SAINTS PETER & PAUL
APOSTLES

Celebrated on: Monday, June 29



Feast of
SAINT THOMAS
APOSTLE

Celebrated on: Friday, July 3



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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!

DEAF MINISTRY

Join us for a virtual Bible study every Thursday at 7:00 pm on Zoom
Contact Fr. Yates at fr.yates@stfranciscatholic.org for more information.

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

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:

- Cereal
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Vegetables

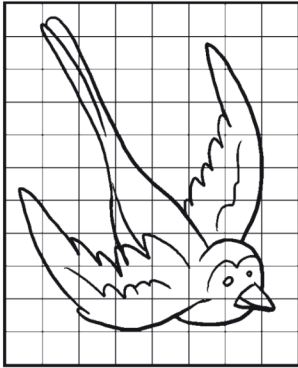
- Cereal
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Canned Soup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit &
- Vegetables
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

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

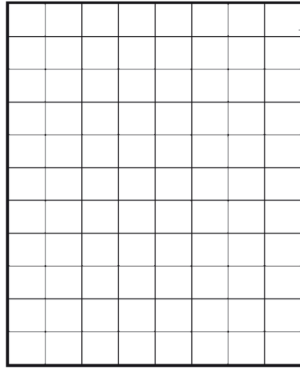


PUZZLE

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MISSION

After you brush your hair, count the hairs in the brush. God knows how many hairs you lost!



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LOVE
CROSS
LIFE

GIVE
WELCOME
PROPHET

GOOD
REWARD
FOLLOWER

F A Y I O E U O L U V
L R E W A R D F I A Y
I U T E H I M P O E T
F O L L O W E R Y R A
E V A C E U **L O V E** N
Y G O O D R I P A S O
U I N M A S E H N I D
O V A E G U T E A R Y
S E A M O E R T I T H
U N Y E A C R O S S E
A I R O N T U W Y O R

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 10:26-33

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 10:37-42