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THE BULLETIN

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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 <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

May 24, 2026: \$9,198.22

May 31, 2026: \$10,576.93

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

Mass Attendance

May 24, 2026: 660

May 31, 2026: 601

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 continued generosity in support of our parish!

IN LOVING MEMORY

we pray for:



Aline Deschaine

*Passed away
March 20, 2026*



Elizabeth Rutkauskas

*Passed away
May 18, 2026*



Sofio Salemi

*Passed away
May 21, 2026*



Barbara Simpson

*Passed away
June 2, 2026*

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

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 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

Monday, June 8

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, June 9

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, June 10

8:00 am: +Linda Clerget

Thursday, June 11

8:00 am: +Conny Dzwonkowski

Friday, June 12 *Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 pm: St. Francis: Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 13

8:00 am: St. Francis: +De Vo

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Linh Tran & Don Nguyen

Sunday, June 14 *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Ut Nguyen & Dinh Ho

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Gennaro & Vincenza Colino and Amato Feola

Monday, June 15

8:00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday, June 16

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Wednesday, June 17

8:00 am: +Stefania Dubik

Thursday, June 18

8:00 am: +Foi Nguyen

Friday, June 19

8:00 am: +Anthony Pleckaitis

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

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.*



Life in the Spirit: Part Two



By Monsignor Frank Matera

In my last column, I focused on Romans 8 in which St. Paul teaches us about life in the Spirit. In this column, I turn to what the great Apostle says about the Spirit in chapter 5 of his letter to the Galatians. As he did in Romans 8, Paul draws a contrast between living according to the flesh and living according to the Spirit.

He begins by reminding us that we were called to “freedom,” by which he means the freedom to do God’s will (Galatians 5:13). However, we must be careful not to use this freedom as an excuse to live according to the flesh. And so St. Paul writes, “serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Galatians 5:14).

St. Paul assures us that if we live by the Spirit, we will not gratify the desires of the flesh since the flesh and the Spirit are opposed to each other. Consequently, if we live according to the flesh, we cannot live according to the Spirit. But if we follow the Spirit and live by the Spirit, then we will not succumb to the desires of the flesh.

In Galatians 5:16-23 Paul draws a powerful contrast between the “works of the flesh” and the “fruit of the Spirit.” The many works of the flesh, he says, are self-evident. They are immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, selfishness, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies and the like. Living in this way leads to death by which St. Paul means final separation from God.

In contrast to the many “works” of the flesh, Paul describes the singular “fruit” that the Spirit produces in those who live by the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” The fruit of the Spirit is the perfect description of the Christian life. Paul concludes by encouraging us to live by the Spirit by following the lead of the Spirit (Galatians 5:25).

When we speak about the “spiritual life” we are talking about “life in the Spirit.” A spiritual person is someone who follows the inspiration of the Spirit and obeys the Spirit in all he or she does. Apart from the Spirit, there is no spiritual life. Without the inner power of the Spirit, we cannot fulfill God’s will. But when the Spirit of God dwells in us, all things are possible. We live in a new and powerful way because the Spirit dwells in us.

In the week ahead, reflect on the role of the Spirit in your life. Are you trying to live the Christian life on your own, apart from the Spirit? If so, you will be disappointed. Is the presence of life in the Spirit strange and foreign to you? If so, then it is time to deepen and renew your life in the Spirit. Such a life is guided and empowered by the Spirit of the risen Christ that dwells in us. When we are attentive to the presence of the Spirit and allow the Spirit to guide us, we become mature in the Christian life.

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NOTE:

Msgr. Matera’s column is taking a summer break and will return in September.

Look for a special summer feature coming next issue!

June 7 & June 14, 2026



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.



SACRED HEART CONSECRATION THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 12



Holy Hour & Novena to the Sacred Heart

Daily through Thursday, June 11*
5:00 - 6:00 pm at St. Francis

Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass

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

**There will be NO evening adoration on Saturday & Sunday June 6 & 7 - the novena will be prayed during the Corpus Christi processions.*



Summer Kickoff



On May 30th, chilly weather gave way to warm camaraderie as our annual Parish Picnic was moved indoors and our parish family gathered for an enjoyable evening together! We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Knights of Columbus Council 31 and our Parish Council for their dedication, planning, and tireless efforts in making this beloved community event such a wonderful success.





Family Adoration

May 2026



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DEAF MINISTRY

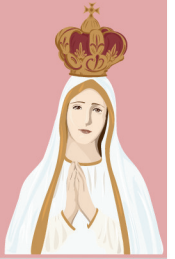


VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY

Meets every Thursday
7:00pm on Zoom

Contact Fr. Yates
fr.yates@stfranciscatholic.org

FATIMA HOLY HOUR



The next Fatima Holy Hour will be
Sunday, June 14,
2:00 pm at St. Francis Church.
Join us for:



CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Admissions are ongoing

Learn More & Apply Now!

ChestertonSFA.org



COMMUNITY

Snapshots



Baptism of Dominic Giggi



Nick & Piper join Danielle & EJ as our 2026/2027 FOCUS team!



Parish Staff spend a day on retreat together



Men of all ages from our parish attend the Men's Night Meat & Greet

CAPTURING *the heart* OF PARISH LIFE

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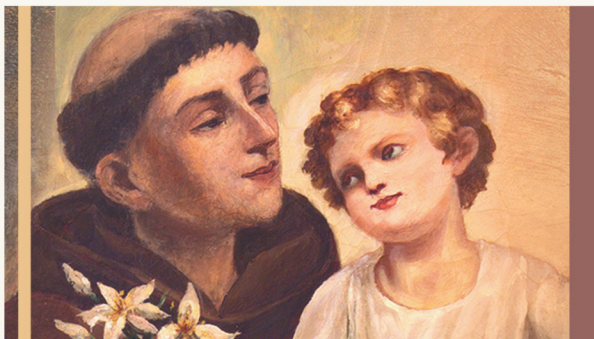
THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast Day of
SAINT EPHREM
DEACON & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Celebrated on: Tuesday, June 9

Memorial of
SAINT BARNABAS
Celebrated on: Thursday, June 11



Feast Day of
SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
Celebrated on: Saturday, June 13

Feast Day of
SAINT GERMAINE COUSIN
Celebrated on: Monday, June 15



Feast Day of
SAINT ROMUALD
Celebrated on: Friday, June 19

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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:

- Cereal
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Vegetables

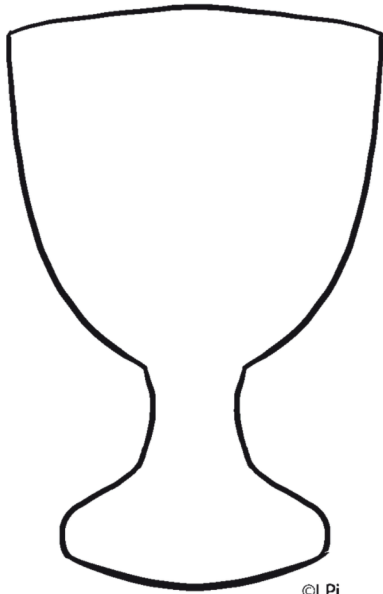
- Cereal
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Canned Soup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit &
- Vegetables
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

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



PUZZLE

Try to draw a special design for God on the Chalice! Have Fun!



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Send out workers into his harvest field.

