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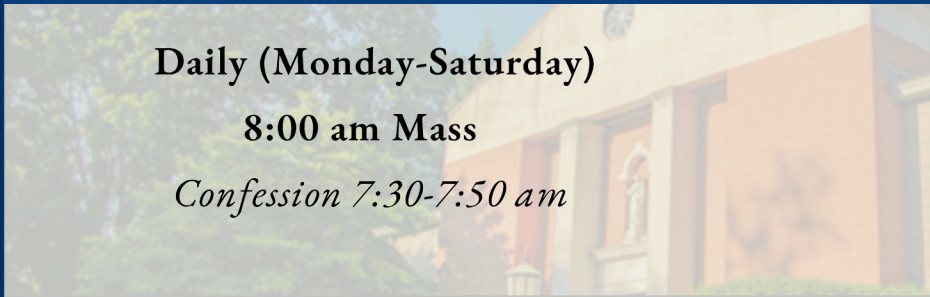
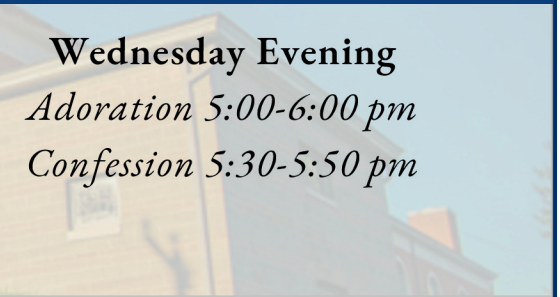
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Mass, Confession & Adoration Times

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

Due to early deadlines, the Count & Collection for June 28 was unavailable at the time of publication. It will be published in our next issue.

Weekly Collection

June 14, 2026: \$10,523.62

June 21, 2026: \$11,575.54

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

Mass Attendance

June 14, 2026: 589

June 21, 2026: 639

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

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:



Helene Carbone

*Passed away
December 2, 2025*



Emily Rossignol

*Passed away
June 15, 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 JULY PRAYER INTENTION

Respect for Human Life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



July 5 & July 12, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

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

Monday, July 6

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, July 7

8:00 am: +Barbara Simpson

Wednesday, July 8

8:00 am: +Louis Agostinucci

Thursday, July 9

8:00 am: +Lilian & John Bright

Friday, July 10

8:00 am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 11

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 & Twarbins Families

Sunday, July 12 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Amato Feola, +Vincenza &
Gennaro Colino

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

Monday, July 13

8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Lazicki Family

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, July 16

8:00 am: +Helen Goldmen

Friday, July 17

8:00 am: +Zdzislaw Mazurski

Saturday, July 18

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Juan Feliciano

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Steven Buslewicz &
+Daniel Paradise

Sunday, July 19 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Stanley Cap, +Gregory Cap &
+Conrad Conforto

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Judy Bozek

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



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: UPDATE

Please Note: Deacon Al's Monday Night Bible Study is on break for summer.
Meetings will resume on Monday, September 14th.

Editors Note: With Monsignor Matera on a well deserved Summer Break, Father SPY continues to fill in, serving up his favorite summer recipes and answering the questions asked by kids from our Parish!

summer special!

The Inside Scoop with Father spy

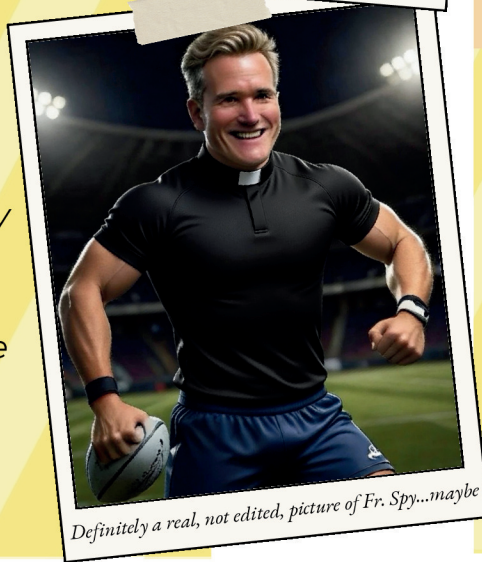
Father, What sports do you play?

Oh, that is a great question. I currently do not play any sports. I do enjoy golf, but I don't get to the course very often. And I love to get my walks in, but that is not a sport. But check out the bird I saw last week on my walk.



Eagle! (Actually photographed by Fr. Spy)

I did play a lot of sports growing up. In high school, I played football, hockey, and baseball. In college, I played football before switching to rugby (see the picture of me playing rugby). In Seminary, I played on the basketball team. I love sports but I don't find enough time to play them.



Definitely a real, not edited, picture of Fr. Spy...maybe

Father, Do all boys want to be Altar Servers?

I think they do. It is a very important position at every Mass to serve the Altar and help the Priest and Deacon. I do think every boy wants to serve the Altar and I hope you serve one day after you receive your First Communion.

Father, Do you juggle?

Of course I juggle. I think all priests can juggle. It is part of the responsibility of a priest to be able to handle many different tasks in a day and we need to be able to juggle all those tasks in a day and not drop any of them. Oh, wait, do you mean like juggle balls? Yes, but I am a little rusty juggling, I learned playing baseball.

FR. SPY SUMMER RECIPES: BLUEBERRY BANANA SMOOTHIE

Makes 1 Serving

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Cup Milk
- 1 tsp. Maple Syrup
- 1 Medium Banana
- ½ tsp. Cinnamon
- ½ Cup Blueberries
- Dash Sea Salt
- ¼ Cup Instant Oatmeal

DIRECTIONS

- 1 - Combine all ingredients (except salt) in blender and blend on high until smooth and creamy.
- 2 - Pour into chilled glass.
- 3 - Sprinkle with salt and serve immediately.

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Find your place at Chesterton

and discover the difference.



Pictured Left & Center: Families visit the Chesterton Academy in Rhode Island

Pictured Right: Our Headmaster, Dr. Andrew Blaski & Board Chairman, Peter Schwartz attend the Chesterton Annual Summit with Chesterton Founder, Dale Ablquist

"A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it."

— G.K. CHESTERTON

There's Still Time To Join Us This Fall

- Integrated classical liberal arts curriculum in the Catholic intellectual tradition
- Academically rigorous, with a mixture of Socratic method and lecture format
- Affordable tuition
- Daily Mass
- Faculty, Board, and staff take Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church
- Training young men and women who will bravely witness their faith through excellence in their vocations and their relationships with Jesus Christ

Be one of the first to experience the Chesterton difference.

Final Info Sessions

for Fall 2026 Incoming Freshmen

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



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Sacramental Report

JANUARY - JUNE 2026

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In the first half of 2026, our parish has helped dozens of new members through the Sacraments of Initiation.

Check out the statistics in our annual mid-year Sacramental Report!



BAPTISMS



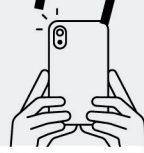
FIRST COMMUNIONS



CONFIRMATIONS

COMMUNITY

Snapshots



Marriage Convalidation of Dylan & Jessica Skinner and Baptism of Liam Skinner



Wedding of Elliot Steadman & Naomi Delgado-Onisto

CAPTURING *the heart* OF PARISH LIFE

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ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MUSIC MINISTRY

THIRD ANNUAL

Summer Session for Instrumentalists

Calling All Instrumentalists! 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 at elizabeth@stfranciscatholic.org.



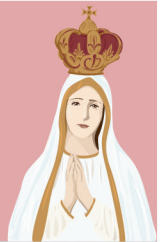
BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



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.

FATIMA HOLY HOUR



The next Fatima Holy Hour will be **Sunday, July 12**, at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Church. Join us for:





ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD

Office of Victim Assistance



HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
faith.voswinkel@aoht.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State of CT Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to:
State of CT Connecticut Department of Developmental Services
AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
State of CT Department of Social Services
Division of Protective Services for Elders
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast Day of
SAINT MARIA GORETTI
VIRGIN & MARTYR

Celebrated on: Monday, July 6

Memorial of
SAINT BENEDICT
ABBOT

Celebrated on: Saturday, July 11



Feast Day of
SAINT HENRY II
EMPEROR

Celebrated on: Monday, July 13



Memorial of
SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA
VIRGIN

Celebrated on: Tuesday, July 14



Memorial of
SAINT BONAVENTURE
BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Celebrated on: Friday, July 15



The Bulletin

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

Classes will resume Monday, September 14th at 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
- Peanut Butter

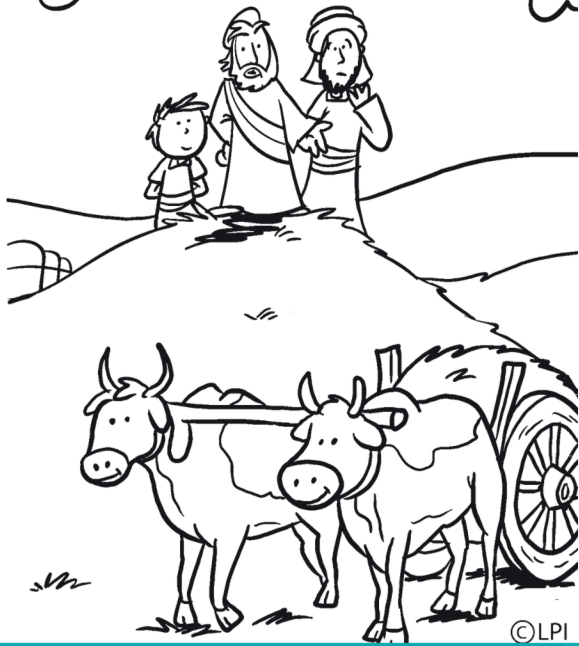
thank you

- 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.



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer
soil
root

rocky
thorns
path

birds
choked
seed

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 11:25-30

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 13:1-23