



ST. FRANCIS
CATHOLIC

THE BULLETIN

JULY 19 - AUGUST 1, 2026



*The Inside Scoop
with Father Yates*
PAGE 6

*Chesterton Academy
News*
PAGE 8

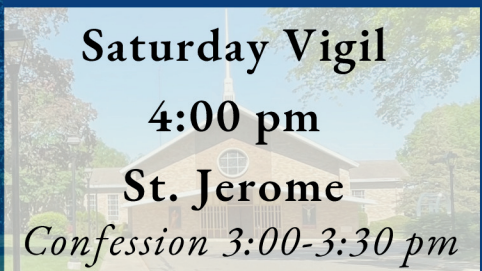
*Parish Mission
Appeal: LSMIG*
PAGE 11

Welcome to Saint Francis Catholic

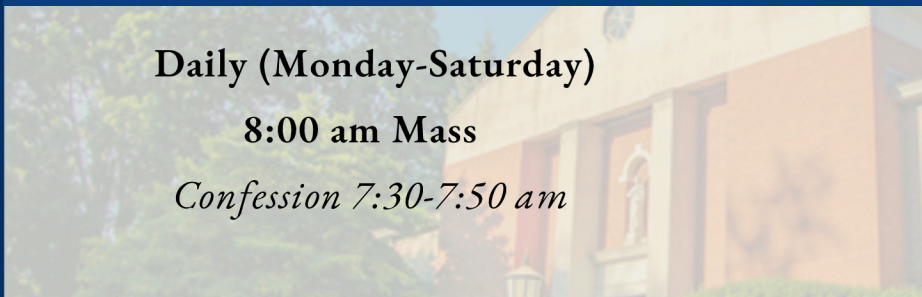
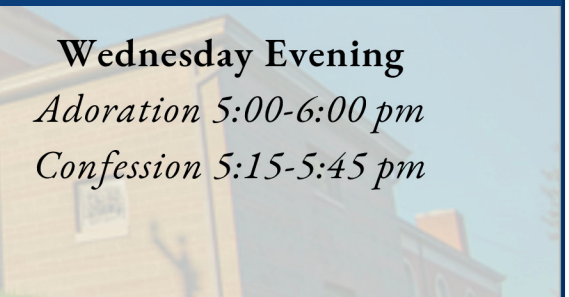
- | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3. Contact Us | 7. Instrument Ensemble Mass | 12. Community Snapshots |
| 4. Finance & Stewardship | 8. Chesterton Academy News | 13. This Week in Saints |
| 4. In Loving Memory | 9. Welcome to the Team | 14. Ongoing Ministries |
| 5. Weekly Mass Intentions | 10. Upcoming Events | 15. The Gospel - for Kids! |
| 6. <i>The Inside Scoop with Fr. Yates</i> | 11. Parish Mission Appeal: LSMIG | |

Mass, Confession & Adoration Times

Weekends

 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm St. Jerome <i>Confession 3:00-3:30 pm</i>	 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 5:15-5:45 pm</i>
---	---

Our Parish Churches

St. Francis	St. Jerome	St. Maurice	St. Joseph*	St. Peter*
1755 Stanley Street New Britain, CT 06053	1010 Slater Road New Britain, CT 06053	100 Wightman Road New Britain, CT 06052	195 S. Main Street New Britain, CT 06051	98 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

**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.

Parish Leadership Contact Information



Rev. Michael Casey
Pastor
fr.casey@stfranciscatholic.org



Rev. Sean Yates
Parochial Vicar
fr.yates@stfranciscatholic.org



Deacon Alan Bielawski
Deacon



Omar Acosta
Facilities Manager
omar@stfranciscatholic.org



Andrew Blaski
Headmaster
headmaster@chestertonsfa.org



Elizabeth Famularo
Music Director
elizabeth@stfranciscatholic.org



Kristyn Figbie
Communications Director
kristyn@stfranciscatholic.org



Katie King
Faith Formation Coordinator
katie@stfranciscatholic.org



Jack Lacey-Giugno
Campus Minister
jack@stfranciscatholic.org



Patti Pavia
Parish Secretary
patti@stfranciscatholic.org



Sofia del Rio
Pastoral Associate
sofia@stfranciscatholic.org



Janet Trainer
Business Manager
janet@stfranciscatholic.org

Address:

1010 Slater Rd., New Britain, CT 06053

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Phone:

860-224-2411

Fax:

860-224-6838

Email:

parishoffice@stfranciscatholic.org

Connect on Social Media & Online



www.stfranciscatholic.org



FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection

June 28, 2026: \$9,358.94

July 5, 2026: \$10,569.32

July 12, 2026: \$10,555.79

Peter's Pence Collection: \$1,978.76

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

Mass Attendance

June 28, 2026: 589

July 5, 2026: 509

July 12, 2026: 630

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



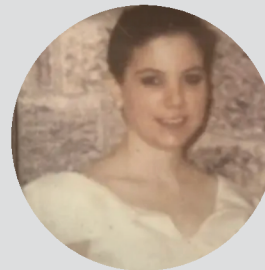
IN LOVING MEMORY

we pray for:



Elvira Marco

*Passed away
June 22, 2026*



Dianne Winslow

*Passed away
June 24, 2026*



Leon Abramczyk Jr.

*Passed away
July 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.*

July 19 & July 26, 2026

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

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

Monday, July 20

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 am: +Jane Smith

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 am: +Sam Leopold

Thursday, July 23

8:00 am: +Martha Kurowski

Friday, July 24

8:00 am: +Barbara Retlikowska

Saturday, July 25

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Lawrence & Evangeline Mangini

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Elizabeth Rutkauskas

Sunday, July 26 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Kathy Casasanta

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Daniel Audette

Monday, July 27

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am: +John & Mary Calderoni

Wednesday, July 29

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

Thursday, July 30

8:00 am: +Anthony Pleckaitis

Friday, July 31

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, August 1

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

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Evelyn Chudzik

Sunday, August 2 *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Anthony Pleckaitis

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.

summer special!

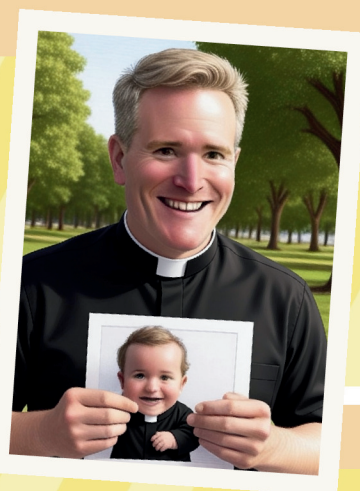
Editors Note: With Monsignor Matera on a well deserved Summer Break, Father SPY continues to fill in, serving up his favorite summer recipes and answering the questions asked by kids from our Parish!

The Inside Scoop

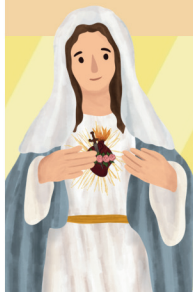
with Father spy

Father, Have you always been a priest?

Great question. No, I have not always been a priest. Priests are not born priests but grow up in good families where they build a good foundation that seminary (priest school) can build upon. While you are young, you do not have to worry about what life God is calling you to lead but just concentrate on becoming holy and being a kid. There will be plenty of time when you are in High School or College to discern (listen for God's call in your life) your vocation.



Father, Do you have a favorite saint?



Yes, but not just one saint. I have a bunch of favorite saints. I have my group of tough woman saints; they include St. Joan of Arc, St. Maria Goretti, and St. Mother Teresa. I also have a fondness for St. Augustine and St. Patrick. I also like Sts. Simon and Jude because their feast day is my Birthday. But my favorite saint is one that is normally not called saint and that is the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Father, Do you like games?

Oh yes, I do like games. I really like the games that are designed to be community games. You know the ones where you play as a team and try to beat the game and not each other. But I also like to do my crossword puzzles every day. And I love to try and solve the Sudoku.



FR. SPY SUMMER RECIPES: KEY LIME BALLS

INGREDIENTS

8 oz. Cream Cheese (soften)
1 Cup Vanilla Wafers (Crushed)
1 Cup Graham Cracker (Crumbs)
 $\frac{2}{3}$ Cup Confectioner's Sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Confectioner's Sugar
2 Tbsp Lime Juice
2 tsp Lime Zest
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp Salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp Cinnamon

DIRECTIONS

- 1- In a large bowl beat all the ingredients (reserve $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Sugar) until blended.
- 2- Shape into balls (1 inch) and place on parchment lined baking sheet.
- 3- Refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- 4- Roll balls in remaining sugar and store in an air tight container.
- 5- Keep refrigerated between parchment paper.

July 19 & July 26, 2026

Join us for our 3rd Annual

INSTRUMENT

Ensemble Mass

Coming

August 2026





CHESTERTON ACADEMY of St. Francis of Assisi

NEWS



An Evening with the New Britain Bees

Earlier this month our founding class and their families gathered at our city's ballpark for an afternoon of fun, friendship, and community during summer break.

As we eagerly count down to our first day of school, we still have room for a few additional students! Scan here to learn more or apply!



Provisional Accreditation: Granted

Our Headmaster Dr. Andrew Blaski & Board Chairman Peter Schwartz receive our Certificate of Provisional Accreditation from the Chesterton Schools Network.



Preparing for our First Day

Preparations in the classrooms are well underway! Our Administrative Assistant Jeannette Leopold unboxes some of our Freshman year reading materials.

Visit us at ChestertonSFA.org

The Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes



Stephen King

as our Latin and Mathematics teacher

Stephen King grew up in Meriden, CT and has been attending St. Francis of Assisi Parish since 2020. He attended Xavier High School in Middletown before continuing his education at Thomas Aquinas College in Northfield, Massachusetts, where he received a liberal arts education following the Socratic method. It was there that he became passionate about the liberal arts and witnessed the great strength of faith they can foster in others. This sparked a flame in him, especially through conversations with his professors, to pursue a career in Catholic liberal arts education so that he could bring that same flame to others. In his free time, he enjoys studying and discussing philosophy and working out.

Jeannette Leopold

as our Administrative Assistant & Receptionist

Jeannette Leopold grew up in Connecticut and attended Avon High School. After college, she taught at New Canaan Country School, where she met her husband. She then moved to the Boston area to attend Harvard Law School, and worked as a lawyer there for several years before returning to Connecticut to stay home with her children. She's excited to be joining the Chesterton team! In her free time, she likes to write fiction, study theology, and spend time with her family.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join us
Friday, August 7
St. Francis Church
5:00-10:00pm

FIND US ON SPOTIFY



Listen to Fr. Casey's homilies
anywhere, anytime! Scan the
QR Code to get started



**NEW ENGLAND
CATHOLIC
BIBLICAL SCHOOL**



New and Returning Students:
Apply now through August 14.

Final Deadline:
Friday, August 14, 2026.

Enroll Today!

Archdiocese of Hartford
Office of Missionary Discipleship
NECBS Office 860-541-6491

Program Coordinator:
dayanee.olivieri@aochet.org
[ArchdioceseofHartford.org/NECBS](https://www.ArchdioceseofHartford.org/NECBS)



ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

GOT QUESTIONS?

How do I complete
my sacraments?

What do I have to do
to become Catholic?

How long does it
even take?

We've got answers.

Reach out to Katie King to learn about our
OCIA and Adult Confirmation Programs.



Scan here or call us at
860-224-2411

July 19 & July 26, 2026

2026 Parish
Mission
Appeal

Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu

Sister Nighty Akello joins us on the weekend of August 2

Decades of civil war, plus over a million refugees have led to many young girls in Uganda suffering violence and becoming mothers, usually at age 13-15.

After last year's collection of \$8,100 from our parish, the LSMIG were able to:

Provide breakfast and lunch to school children

Purchase 700 mosquito nets for the children's beds, reducing malaria infection by 80%

Purchase educational supplies, from textbooks to pens, for children and their mothers



Installing mosquito netting



Hair Dressing Vocational Training



Tailoring Vocational Training



Children's Christmas Party

2026 PARISH MISSION COLLECTION GOAL: \$8,500

COMMUNITY *Snapshots*



Baptism of Zelig Shaffer



Baptism of Richard Avery

CAPTURING *the heart* OF PARISH LIFE

July 19 & July 26, 2026

THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast of SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Celebrated on: Wednesday, July 22

Feast Day of SAINT CHARBEL MAKHLOUF

Celebrated on: Friday, July 24



Feast of SAINT JAMES APOSTLE

Celebrated on: Saturday, July 25

Memorial of SAINTS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

Celebrated on: Wednesday, July 29



Memorial of SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PRIEST

Celebrated on: Friday, July 31

ONGOING MINISTRIES

The Bulletin

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.



PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

KINGDOM
HEAVEN
TREASURE

HIDDEN
FIELD
FOUND

PEARLS
SOLD
BOUGHT

T	N	F	H	D	E	O	K	M	I	O
H	B	O	U	G	H	T	E	F	A	V
E	I	U	S	E	L	R	A	I	K	T
K	R	N	A	H	S	E	U	E	D	R
I	E	D	I	P	E	A	R	L	S	N
N	A	H	F	N	I	S	E	D	O	W
G	M	D	A	T	O	U	H	N	L	E
D	I	N	G	E	A	R	S	I	D	N
O	J	H	I	D	D	E	N	O	W	Y
M	E	D	N	S	T	O	A	L	N	D
A	H	L	H	E	A	V	E	N	T	A

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 13:24-43

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 13:44-52