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CATHOLIC

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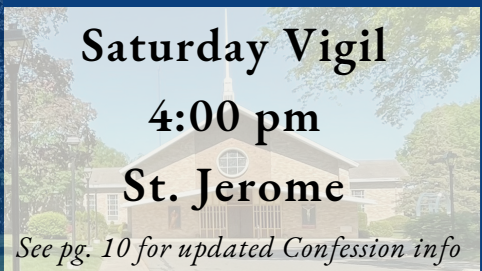
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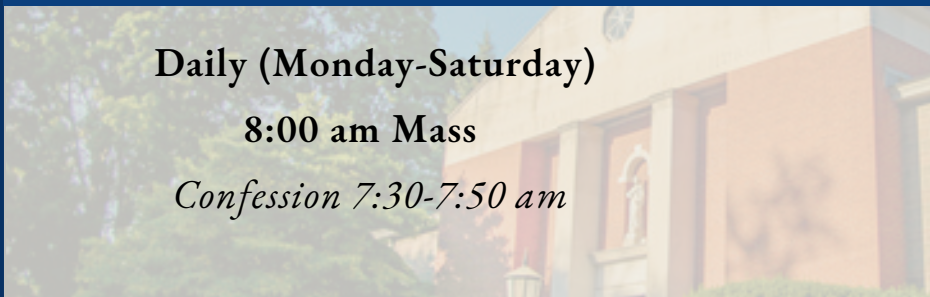
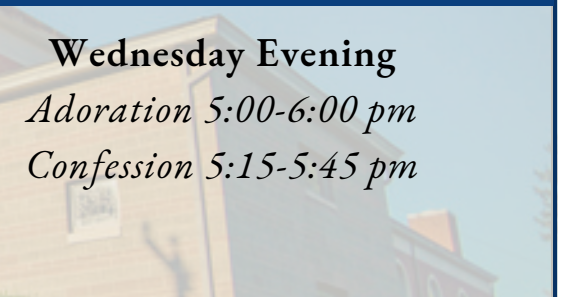
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Mass, Confession & Adoration Times

Weekends

 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm St. Jerome <i>See pg. 10 for updated Confession info</i>	 Sunday 8:30 am St. Maurice	 Sunday 10:30 am St. Francis
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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>
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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.

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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection

July 19, 2026: \$9,514.51

July 26, 2026: \$10,392.35

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

Mass Attendance

July 19, 2026: 562

July 26, 2026: 625

*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*



Frederick Arduini

*Passed away
July 3, 2026*



Kathy Call

*Passed away
July 13, 2026*



**Patricia
Ambroszewski**

*Passed away
July 18, 2026*



Michael Dewell

*Passed away
July 19, 2026*



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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

*All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted
Please note the Mass time change on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15.*

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

Monday, August 3

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 am: +Mark Cauffman

Thursday, August 6

8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, August 7

8:00 am: +Mario John Caggiano

Saturday, August 8

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Charles Russo III

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Khich Nguyen

Sunday, August 9 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +John Pandolfi

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Frances Hartley Bureau

Monday, August 10

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 am: +Eleanor Urban

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 am: +Vincenza & Gennaro Colino

Thursday, August 13

8:00 am: +Burton Edward Callahan III

Friday, August 14

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, August 15 *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

There is NO 8:00 am Mass or Confession Today

***10:30 am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Anthony & Regina
Rosenthal, & +Dina & David Rosenthal

Sunday, August 16 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: Deceased Members of the
St. Peter's Society

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Deceased Members of the
Kosiorek Family

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.*

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, How can you drive such a small car as such a big man?

Are you making fun of my car? I am only joking. I fit just fine in my car and I like the fact that it is paid for and it is good on gas. I also have so many extra seats because I normally only drive by myself so I have like four empty seats. I don't need any extra room. So I like my car, it is almost as fun as my convertible but I have to watch out for bugs when I drive that car. Sometimes they get in your eye when your face is above the windshield.



Fr. SPY's car spotted at St. Jerome



Watch out for bugs!

Father, Why do you wear all black?

That is a good question, while there are different colors that a clerical shirt can be, it is typical for priests in the United States to wear black. I believe the reason that black is a very popular color for priests to wear is because black is the inclusion of all colors and priest are to be for all the people in their area. You should also notice that priests wear a white collar with their black shirt. That white collar is to express the light of Christ that all priest should bring with them when they go someplace.

Father, I have noticed the white collar, Is it itchy?

It is not itchy anymore. When I first began wearing the collar, it did get itchy from time to time (especially when I sweat in my collar). But, not anymore. It is something that you get used to in time.

FR. SPY SUMMER RECIPES: BLUEBERRY PANCAKES

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Cups flour
- 3 Tbsp granulated sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 Cups buttermilk (room temp)
- 2 Large eggs (room temp)
- 3 Tbsp unsalted butter (melted)
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 Cup Blueberries

DIRECTIONS

- 1- In a large bowl, whisk the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
- 2- In a separate bowl, whisk the buttermilk, eggs, melted butter, and vanilla extract.
- 3- Make a well in the center of the flour mixture, then pour in the wet ingredients. Whisk until just a few small lumps of flour remain, being careful not to overtax the batter. Use a silicone spatula to fold in the blueberries.
- 4- Heat a large skillet over medium heat and grease with butter.
- 5- Pour $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of batter onto the hot surface. Cook on one side until bubbles form. Flip and cook other side 1 min.
- 6- Serve immediately with butter and maple syrup.

August 2 & August 9, 2026

Join us for our 3rd Annual

INSTRUMENT

Ensemble Mass

15
August

St. Jerome
Campus

4 PM
Vigil Mass





CHESTERTON ACADEMY

of St. Francis of Assisi

NEWS

Thanks to a generous grant from the Connecticut Catholic Foundation, we are thrilled to announce the creation of a new Science & Skills Lab for our students!

Learn More About It

This robust lab will provide students with an ideal environment for hands-on, in-depth studies as they dive into Earth science, astronomy, biology, chemistry, and physics. Additionally, in the coming years we will welcome experts from a variety of trades and crafts to provide our students with real-world experience in unique and valuable skills.



Renovations Underway

The site of our Science & Skills Lab is undergoing renovations and updates for the start of the School Year this month. Stay tuned for the final reveal!



With Deepest Gratitude

We are deeply grateful to the Connecticut Catholic Foundation for their funding of this lab. Thanks to their generosity, our students will have access to hands-on learning experiences that will enrich their education and equip them with life-long skills.

Visit us at ChestertonSFA.org

The Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes



Lorraine Mihaliak

as our Music Teacher

Lorraine Mihaliak joins the Chesterton team as music teacher with a background in music performance, education, and church ministry. A dedicated advocate for young musicians, Lorraine has founded children's choirs and school-wide music programs in Connecticut and Indiana and has instructed students of all ages in music theory and history, piano, organ, voice, and composition.

As a conductor, organist, and collaborative artist, Lorraine focuses on cross-disciplinary performance and large-scale choral projects that

connect early music with contemporary styles. Her work includes productions recognized by Opera America® and international touring and recording with multi-time Grammy Award® winning artists. Her musical travels have brought her to Spain, France, Germany, Netherlands, and most recently to record The Notre Dame Folk Choir's "The Passion" in the Holy Land.

Lorraine began her musical career as Organ Scholar at the Cathedral of St. Joseph (Hartford, CT) and trained extensively at conservatories across the US including Oberlin Conservatory, OH, Curtis Institute of Music, PA, Eastman School of Music, NY, and Hartt School of Music, CT. She attended College of the Holy Cross, MA as the Organ Scholar, graduating in 2019 with a BA in music. She received her Masters in Sacred Music and Choral Conducting from the University of Notre Dame, IN in 2021 as part of the Alice A. Martin Fellowship.

Help us build our library!

We are seeking donations of classic, enduring works of literature, history, philosophy, theology, poetry, mathematics, science, and the arts—books that have stood the test of time and continue to form hearts and minds in truth, goodness, & beauty.

If you have books that would be at home in a classical Catholic high school library, we'd love to hear from you! Your gift will bless generations of students to come. To arrange a donation, please email us at office@ChestertonSFA.org or call 860-348-3455.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

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

FATIMA HOLY HOUR



The next Fatima Holy Hour will be
Sunday, August 9, at 2:00 pm at
St. Francis Church. Join us for:



FEAST *of the* ASSUMPTION August 15th

The Feast of the Assumption is NOT
a Holy Day of Obligation this year.
Please note our Mass schedule:

Saturday, August 15 – 10:30 am
St. Francis

There will be no 8:00 am Mass or confession

CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note this change to
our Confession Schedule:

Effective August 15

Saturday Afternoon Confession at St. Jerome
will be available during Advent & Lent only

Confession remains available at St. Francis:

Monday - Saturday
7:30-7:50am

Wednesday
5:15-5:45pm

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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 Ameera Hashmi



Baptism of Elliott Forcier



Baptism of Leon Simons



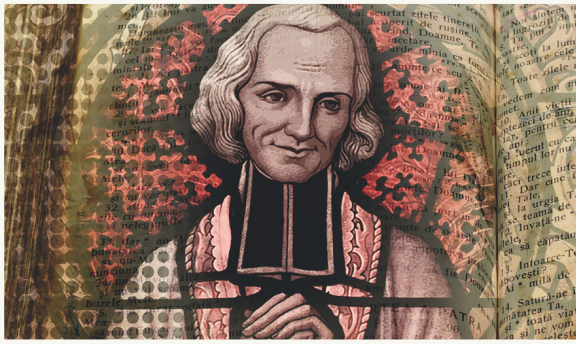
First Communion of Austin Diaz

CAPTURING *the heart* OF PARISH LIFE

August 2 & August 9, 2026

THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Memorial of SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PRIEST

Celebrated on: Tuesday, August 4

Memorial of SAINT DOMINIC PRIEST

Celebrated on: Saturday, August 8



Feast of SAINT LAWRENCE DEACON & MARTYR

Celebrated on: Monday, August 10



Memorial of SAINT CLARE VIRGIN

Celebrated on: Tuesday, August 11



Memorial of SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PRIEST & MARTYR

Celebrated on: Friday, August 14



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.



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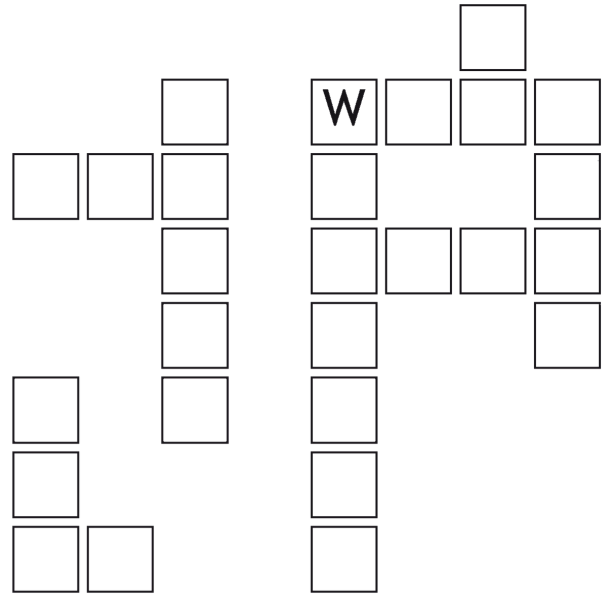
Read the Gospel of the week
and color the image.



PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into
the empty squares.

Jesus went out to them,
walking on the lake.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 14:13-21

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 14:22-33