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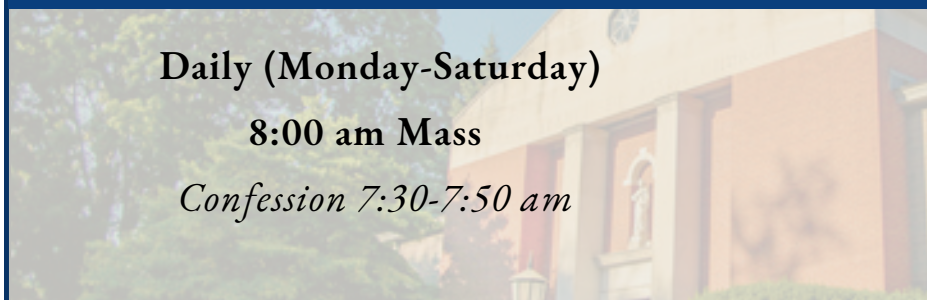
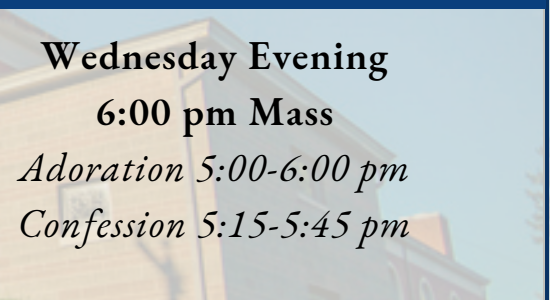
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Mass, Confession & Adoration Times

Weekends

 Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm St. Jerome	 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 6:00 pm Mass <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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ChestertonSFA.org

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection

August 16, 2026: \$10,425.26

August 23, 2026: \$10,795.64

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

Mass Attendance

August 16, 2026: 647

August 23, 2026: 594

*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

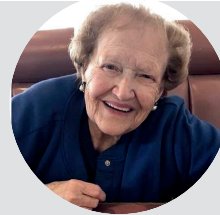
we pray for:



Lucy Cowperthwaite

Passed away

August 11, 2026



Ursula Violette

Passed away

August 12, 2026



Donald Lapila

Passed away

August 17, 2026



Gerald Tullai

Passed away

August 18, 2026



Jacintha Mohanraj

Passed away

August 19, 2026



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

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Mark your calendars! Mass Intentions for the months of October, November & December will be available to reserve beginning **Tuesday, September 1.**
Contact the parish office with any questions.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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 29

8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Anthony Pleckaitis

Sunday, August 30 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Tracey & Jean Wiczorek

10:30 am: St. Francis: +David T. Lazicki

Monday, August 31

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 am: +Petro Niro

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 am: +George Leone

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, September 3

8:00 am: Special Intention

Friday, September 4

8:00 am: +Penny D'Addabbo

Saturday, September 5

8:00 am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop and
priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

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

Sunday, September 6 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Jack Dougherty

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Kevin Gryckiewicz

Monday, September 7 *Labor Day*

***9:00 am:** Pro Populo

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 am: +Paul & Maria Messina

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 am: Special Intention

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, September 10

8:00 am: +Arlene Gondar

Friday, September 11

8:00 am: +Frances Hartley Bureau

Saturday, September 12

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Ursula Violette

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Nicholas Salerno Jr.

Sunday, September 13 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Catherine Madden

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Giuseppe & Gino Ricciardi
and +Ralph Petrillo

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

LABOR DAY

September 7, 2026

➤ The Parish Office will be closed

➤ Daily Mass will be at 9:00 am

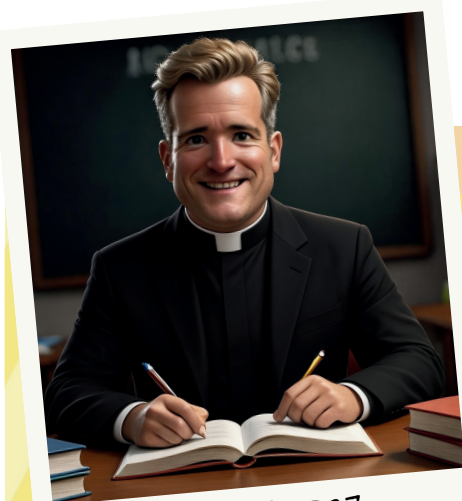
➤ There will be no confession



Editors Note: As a special bonus for our final edition of The Inside Scoop, scan the QR code and cook along with Fr. SPY!

The Inside Scoop

with Father spy



Class of 2027

Father, what was your favorite subject in school?

I assume you mean other than gym class. So, other than gym class (which is my favorite), in general math class was my favorite. The logic of math just makes sense in my brain. When I was in Seminary, my favorite subject was Church History. I just love all the history of the Church, the good things we have done but also the bad things that we have done is great to know about so we do not repeat the bad things. On a side note, did you know that I went to school for 24 years?

Father, Last time you shared your favorite Catholic Holiday, What about your favorite non-religious holiday?

Oh that is easy, my favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. It is a relaxing week that leads up to Thanksgiving and normally Friday (the day after Thanksgiving) is easy also. But Thanksgiving is all about being with family and eating lots of food. Then watching Football, my favorite sport to watch (go Giants).

Father, what is your favorite color?

In general my favorite color is green, the color of life and growing. But, I also like blue the color of Mary. However, in Mass I like the color Rose, which I can only wear two weekends a year. Did you know that the colors we wear at Mass mean something? They signify what time of year the Church is in. Green is worn in Ordinary Time. Purple is worn in Advent and in Lent (a time of preparation). White is worn in Christmas and Easter. And Red is worn on special days throughout the year.

FR. SPY SUMMER RECIPES: PEANUT BUTTER – FLUFF CRISPY TREATS

INGREDIENTS

6 TBSP unsalted butter
12 ounces marshmallows
2 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 tsp salt
6 cups Rice Krispies cereal
1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
1/3 cup marshmallow fluff

DIRECTIONS

1 - Line 9 x 9 inch baking pan with parchment paper and grease with cooking spray. Pour the Rice Krispies cereal into an extra large mixing bowl. Set everything aside.
2 - Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium low. Add the marshmallows, vanilla extract, and salt. Cook until the marshmallows melt completely. Remove from the heat.
3 - Pour the melted marshmallow into the Rice Krispies cereal. Fold until evenly combined. Drop the peanut butter and fluff into the mixture by the spoonful & fold once or twice to combine. Do not overmix; you want big ribbons of peanut butter & fluff.
4 - Transfer to the baking pan & refrigerate for 20 minutes, then cut into 16 squares.

The Inside Scoop will return! Stay tuned . . . ❄️ ❄️ ❄️

August 30 & September 6, 2026

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION KICKOFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

10-11:30 AM | ST. MAURICE HALL

INTRO TO

SACRED SCRIPTURE

ALL FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN* ARE WELCOME!
PRE-REGISTRATION NOT
REQUIRED

**Nursery age - High School*

*Contact Katie King with questions
at katie@stfranciscatholic.org*



Calling all Men & Women 60+!

Movie Afternoon & Senior Fellowship

Join us for a special afternoon of faith, fellowship, and fun as we watch
the inspiring movie *Chariots of Fire*.

We'll also be choosing a name for our new 60+ group, so come ready to share your
ideas and help us pick a name that represents our group!

Thursday, September 17th, 2026 at St. Jerome Hall

A light lunch served at 11:30 am and the movie begins at 12:00 pm

RSVP to Sofia del Rio at 860-224-2411 or sofia@stfranciscatholic.org



CHESTERTON ACADEMY of St. Francis of Assisi

NEWS



Thank You Drew Marine!

Our deepest thanks to our friends at Drew Marine for their incredibly generous donation of furniture and laboratory equipment to help furnish our school! The items provided are of remarkable quality and represent an extraordinary investment in our students. We've had all hands on deck transporting counters, storage systems and specialized laboratory equipment...



Final Setup Underway

...and now the final setup is underway! We are so grateful for this generous support as we prepare to welcome our students at the end of August!



Books, Books, & More Books

Mr. Perper greeted students and their families as they stopped by to pick up their school materials and setup their lockers, while our staff continued working to organize our library. A special thanks to all who donated books to our school library!

Enrollment is ongoing - Apply Now!

Visit us at ChestertonSFA.org

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JOIN US FOR THE

FALL
FESTIVAL

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS

All Masses this weekend will be at the St. Jerome Campus

Join us on the St. Jerome Campus for:

Hotdogs | Hamburgers | Snacks | Lawn Games

Music | Fun | Community | and more!

*Interested in bringing a dessert to share?
Call the office at 860-224-2411 to sign up.*

BLESSING
of ANIMALS

Saturday, October 3 at 9:30am

St. Francis Church

Animals must be safely secured



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join us
Friday, September 4
St. Francis Church
5:00-10:00pm

SAINT FRANCIS LADIES GUILD

invites you to



An Afternoon with a Guest Speaker from the
NEW BRITAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE SAFETY

Followed by a Welcome Tea
Desserts & Beverages will be served

» Please bring a donation of non-perishable food for
the St. Joseph Food Pantry

For questions call the Parish Office or an active
Ladies Guild member: Maria Lazicki, Donna Domizio,
Mary LeBel, Dorothy Krein, or Mary Morocco <<<

Tuesday, September 8 from 1:00-3:00pm
St. Francis Church Hall

CALLING ALL MEN

Join us for CORE, a new Men's Group!
Saturday Mornings Beginning September 12th
8:30 - 10:00 am at St. Francis Church Hall
Runs for a six-week session



Men of the parish are invited for a morning of
fraternity, formation and prayer. Coffee and
treats will be served. Come when you can, stay
for as long as you can.

Contact Fr. Yates (fr.yates@stfranciscatholic.org)
with any questions.

Save the Date
for the Twelfth Annual

ORDER OF MALTA
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION



Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage

Experience the grace and healing power of Lourdes in Connecticut
with Archbishop Coyne, Bishop Reidy, Bishop Rosazza, and Fr. MacNeill.



September 12, 2026
9AM - 3PM

Cathedral of Saint Joseph
140 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT

Fully Handicap Accessible
Complimentary Lunch Served
RSVP by September 2, 2026

ENTRANCE NOTICE: Use the West
entrance (adjacent to the Asylum St.
parking lot, in the rear of the Cathedral)
for both entry and registration.
Attendees are advised to Google the
Asylum St. entrance for directions.



Please Register with
Mark Sullivan
lourdesinaday@gmail.com
or Scan the QR Code
with your Phone Camera
to Register

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*Thank you to our talented
Music Ministry Instrument
Ensemble & Director Elizabeth
Famularo for the beautiful music
at our Instrumental Mass on
August 15th!*



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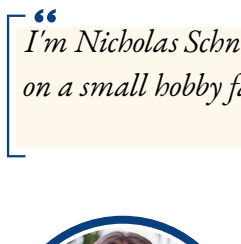
fellowship of catholic university students

As the new school year approaches, we welcome back our newest FOCUS team! Returning missionaries include EJ and Danielle, and we're delighted to welcome Nicholas and Piper, who is also serving as team director, to the parish as well!

meet the team



“Hi, my name is Piper Daleiden, and I'm serving as the FOCUS team director this year! I'm originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan and graduated from Hope College in 2024, where I studied English literature and psychology. I served with FOCUS for the past two years in Edinboro, Pennsylvania and am excited to spend my third year on mission here at CCSU.”



“I'm Nicholas Schneider this is my 1st year as a missionary. I come from a family of 6 where I was raised on a small hobby farm in Viroqua, Wisconsin. Fun fact I was a plumber for 5 years before joining staff as a missionary.”



“Hello! My name is Danielle and I'm entering my second year as a FOCUS Missionary at Central Connecticut State University. I was born in Puerto Rico, but lived in Virginia for most of my life with my family of six. Feel free to give me book or movie recommendations after Mass! I love fiction and old movie classics. I'm so happy to be back in New Britain with you all! Saint Francis has truly become a home to me thanks to the welcoming community. Here's to another year!”



“Hi everyone! My name is EJ Mendoza-Garcia, and I am back for my second year on mission at CCSU. A California native, I am an avid lover of the outdoors, sports, fitness, reading, music, and photography. Sometimes you might see me running around with a camera doing some photography for baptisms, confirmations, first communion, and any other special events for St. Francis, provided Fr. Casey asks me to do it!”



GOT QUESTIONS?

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.

How do I complete my sacraments?

What do I have to do to become Catholic?

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THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Memorial of POPE SAINT GREGORY

POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Celebrated on: Thursday, September 3

Feast Day of SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Celebrated on: Saturday, September 5



Feast of the Nativity OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Celebrated on: Tuesday, September 8



Memorial of SAINT PETER CLAVER

Celebrated on: Tuesday, September 9



Feast Day of the HOLY NAME OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Celebrated on: Saturday, September 12



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 at St. Francis
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

LADIES GUILD

Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm at St. Francis Church Hall, and include a speaker, social time and snacks.

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

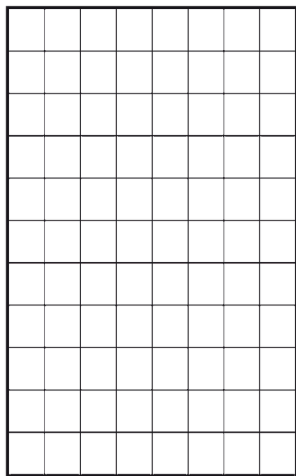
- ☐ Canned Meat/Tuna
- ☐ Instant Potato and Rice
- ☐ Mixes
- ☐ Ramen Noodles
- ☐ Mac and Cheese
- ☐ Snack Items:
- ☐ Cookies, Crackers, etc.

PUZZLE

Copy the picture square by square.



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PUZZLE

Find the two that are the same.



MISSION

I will ask God to bless my family and keep us close to him.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 16:21-27

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 18:15-20