



ST. FRANCIS
CATHOLIC

THE BULLETIN

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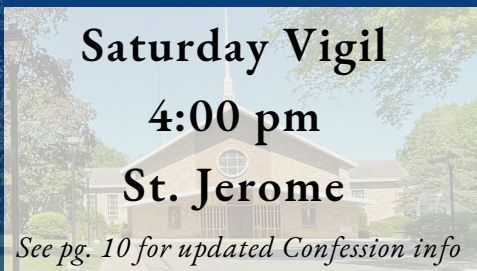
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Mass, Confession & Adoration Times

Weekends



Saturday Vigil
4:00 pm
St. Jerome
See pg. 10 for updated Confession info



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 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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FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection

August 2, 2026: \$9,722.35

August 9, 2026: \$9,521.50

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

Mass Attendance

August 2, 2026: 578

August 9, 2026: 592

*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:



Jacob Najarian

Passed away

July 15, 2026



Jean Plocharczyk

Passed away

July 15, 2026



Lori Ann Motto

Passed away

July 22, 2026



John Truhan Jr.

Passed away

July 28, 2026



Timothy West

Passed away

July 28, 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 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

Monday, August 17

8:00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday, August 18

8:00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday, August 19

8:00 am: Pro Populo

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, August 20

8:00 am: +Al Daniels

Friday, August 21

8:00 am: Special Intention

Saturday, August 22

8:00 am: St. Francis: +Patricia Ambroszewski

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +William Mackiewicz

Sunday, August 23 *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am: St. Maurice: Deceased Members of the
Bedard & DeSimone Families

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

Monday, August 24

8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 am: +Peter Niro Jr.

Wednesday, August 26

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

6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, August 27

8:00 am: Special Intention

Friday, August 28

8:00 am: +Ryan Marzi

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

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!

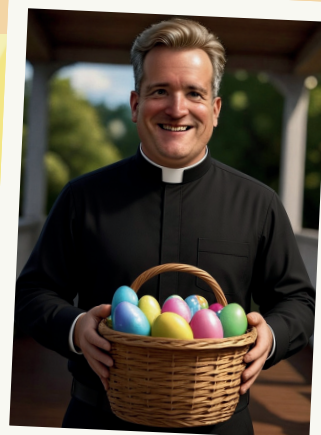
Editors Note: With Monsignor Matera on a well deserved Summer Break, Father SPY continues to fill in, serving up his favorite summer recipes and answering the questions asked by kids from our Parish!

The Inside Scoop

with Father spy

Father, What is your favorite Catholic Holiday?

Great question, my favorite Catholic Holiday is Easter. I think I might be in the minority of priests as most priest like Christmas the most. But I like Easter, even though Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter) is very busy and demanding. Which does lead me to falling asleep on my parents couch after Easter Lunch. But it is my favorite because Jesus came to Earth to die for us. That was his mission when he walked the earth and Easter is the celebration of Jesus being raised from the dead. But without Easter, we would not have Christmas or any other holiday, so my favorite is Easter.



Father, Do priests go to confession or do they just absolve themselves?

Great question, I don't remember (just joking). Of course priests go to confession, and go to confession frequently. In fact, Saint Pope John Paul II went to daily confession. I would say that is pretty frequently. And, yes priests have to go to another priest for confessions, we cannot absolve ourselves. Many priests have a single person that they visit with for Spiritual Direction and Confession on a regular basis. Don't forget, priests are humans also, which means we sin, so we need confession just like everyone else.



Father, Do you play video games?

I have never really been a gamer. Don't forget that I grew up with games like pong and snake. Look them up if you don't know but they are kind of boring compared to the video games we have today. So, I do not play video games on a regular basis. There was a time that I played Madden with friends but I don't have time to commit to a season of Madden. But, I can play video games and I know priests that play video games.

FR. SPY SUMMER RECIPES: MUDDY BUDDIES

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 4 cups Rice Chex cereal
- 2 cups pretzels, lightly crushed

DIRECTIONS

- 1 - Pour the confectioners' sugar into a gallon sized Ziploc bag. Set aside.
- 2 - In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine the peanut butter and chocolate chips. Microwave in 30 second increments, stir between each, until the mixture is fully melted.
- 3 - Remove from microwave and fold in the Rice Chex & pretzels until evenly combined.
- 4 - Transfer the mixture into the Ziploc bag. Seal the bag tightly, then shake to coat the mixture in the confectioners' sugar. Pour into a large serving bowl and serve.

Family Faith Formation

*Classes start
September 13*

MONTHLY CLASSES

SUNDAYS 10-11:30 AM

ST. MAURICE

Monsignor Murphy Hall + 91 Wightman Drive

Join us for our second year of Family Faith Formation!

- Small, age-based group learning (age 3+)
 - Supports parents in passing on the Faith
 - On site formation for parents/adults as well
- *Please note: this is not a drop off program*

2026 - 2027 CALENDAR*

SEPTEMBER 13

DECEMBER 13

MARCH 14

OCTOBER 11

JANUARY 10

APRIL 11

NOVEMBER 8

FEBRUARY 14

MAY 2

**Note: Students preparing for Sacraments will have an additional monthly class.*

Families can sign up at all Masses on the weekend of August 30th



*Scan the QR code to email our Faith Formation Coordinator Katie King
or call us at 860-224-2411 with any questions*





CHESTERTON ACADEMY

of St. Francis of Assisi

NEWS



Exploring God's Creation

Several of our students joined our Headmaster, Dr. Blaski and our Science and Humanities teacher, Mr. Perper, for an afternoon hike through God's beautiful creation at Talcott Mountain State Park in Simsbury. Students enjoyed time on the summit outside Heublein tower and even joined in a Socratic seminar led by Mr. Perper!



A Secure Environment

Our updated security system features outdoor security cameras, a key fob entry system (modeled by some of our staff here) among other additional upgrades.



Front Office Ready for School

With an updated phone system and new computer in place, we're excited to have our front office officially up and running! Sacred art adds the perfect finishing touch to the walls. We can't wait to welcome our students and families in just 3 short weeks!

Enrollment is ongoing - Apply Now!

Visit us at ChestertonSFA.org

August 16 & August 23, 2026

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.*

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

Will St. Francis have a Wednesday
evening Mass again?



Searching . . .

◆ Overview

**Yes! The Wednesday evening Mass
at St. Francis will resume on:**

Wednesday, August 19th
at 6:00pm

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.

19TH ANNUAL
**CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

*Rebuild
my Church*
CHRIST'S CHARGE TO ST. FRANCIS
FROM THE CROSS

NATIONAL SPEAKERS

FR. DAN REEHIL
PRIEST & EXORCIST
DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE

JEANNE MANCINI
FORMER PRESIDENT
MARCH FOR LIFE

VIGIL MASS
WITH ARCHBISHOP
CHRISTOPHER COYNE

DR. KARLO BROUSSARD
CATHOLIC ANSWERS
SPEAKER AND AUTHOR

FR. DECLAN GIBSON
DIRECTOR OF THE MOST HOLY
EUCCHARIST FOUNDATION

*buy tickets
now:*

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2026**
DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 AM
EVENT STARTS AT 8:30 AM

**HOLY CROSS
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**
WATERBURY, CT 06708

**FAITH
BROTHERHOOD
LEADERSHIP
MISSION**

REGISTER TODAY | CTCATHOLICMEN.ORG

August 16 & August 23, 2026

LITTLE SISTERS OF MARY IMMACULATE OF GULU



Thank you to all who contributed to our Mission Appeal for the LSMIG earlier this month! We are continuing to collect donations for their mission through the end of August. If you haven't yet donated to the Sisters please prayerfully consider doing so.

Scan here to give online

*Note: Find this
Appeal
Collection
listed under
the 'Diocese'
Category*



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?

How long does it even take?

COMMUNITY *Snapshots*



Congratulations to our Campus Minister Jack Lacey on his engagement to Abby Roy!



Celebration for our summer Sacristan Abel as he begins a new career as a nurse at UConn



Baptism of Eloise Rosol



First Communion of Santiago Beteta Bazán

CAPTURING *the heart* OF PARISH LIFE

August 16 & August 23, 2026

THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Memorial of

SAINT BERNARD

ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

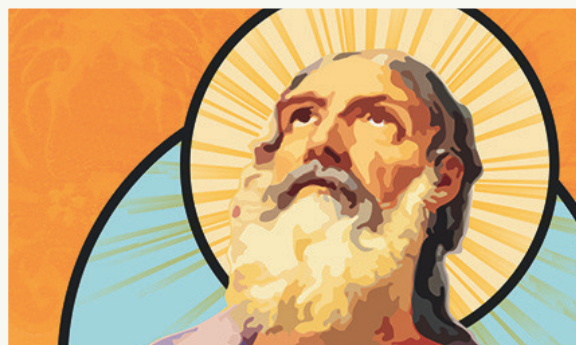
Celebrated on: Thursday, August 20

Feast of

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

APOSTLE

Celebrated on: Monday, August 24



Memorial of

SAINT MONICA

Celebrated on: Thursday, August 27



Memorial of

SAINT AUGUSTINE

BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Celebrated on: Friday, August 28



Memorial of the

**PASSION OF
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Celebrated on: Saturday, August 29



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

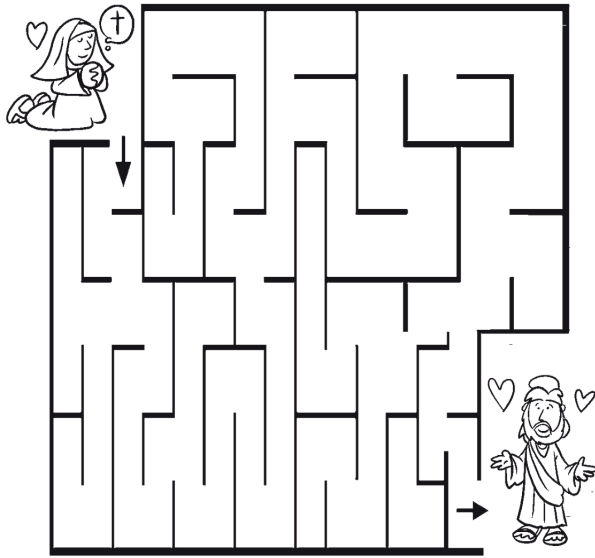
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- ☐ Canned Soup
- ☐ Instant Oatmeal
- ☐ Canned Fruit &
- ☐ Vegetables
- ☐ Peanut Butter & Jelly

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



PUZZLE

Help this woman find Jesus.



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PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

John
prophets
Peter

Father
blessed
Elijah

Christ
revealed
Jeremiah

Jhno

J o h n

Eilhaj

Jeemirha

prepohts

Preet

Crsith

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 15:21-28

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 16:13-20