ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC

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Weekends



Saturday Vigil
4:00 pm
St. Jerome



Sunday
8:30 am
St. Maurice



Sunday
10:30 am
St. Francis

Weekdays *(all at St. Francis)*

Daily (Monday-Saturday)
8:00 am Mass
Confession 7:30-7:50 am

Wednesday Evening
6:00 pm Mass
Adoration 5:00-6:00 pm
Confession 5:15-5:45 pm

Our Parish Churches

St. Francis
1755 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06053

St. Jerome
1010 Slater Road
New Britain, CT 06053

St. Maurice
100 Wightman Road
New Britain, CT 06052

St. Joseph*
195 S. Main Street
New Britain, CT 06051

St. Peter*
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

September 27, 2026: $8,322.11

Little Sisters of the Poor: $3,800.00

October 4, 2026: $11,696.20

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

Mass Attendance

September 27, 2026: 515

October 4, 2026: 598

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Weekend of OCTOBER 18

Donations support priests, religious & lay pastoral leaders in over 1,150 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America & Europe. This year Pope Leo has chosen "One in Christ, United in Mission" as the central theme.

In Loving Memory

we pray for:



Stacy Squires

Passed away
September 12, 2026



Rose Marie Sinclair

Passed away
September 17, 2026



Joseph Matera

Passed away
September 25, 2026



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



October is Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Month

This month let us remember and pray for those who have been impacted by pregnancy & infant loss.

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted" (Psalm 34:19)

Weekly Mass Intentions

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

Saturday, October 10
8:00 am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop & Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Tracy Levesque Monniere

Sunday, October 11 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Tobiasz Cichowlaz

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Florence Kragiel

Monday, October 12
8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Kulasenski, Gombotz & Rossito Families

Tuesday, October 13
8:00 am: Pro Populo

Wednesday, October 14
8:00 am: +Joseph & Emily Rudnansky
6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, October 15
8:00 am: +Deceased Members of the Meehan & Washburn Families

Friday, October 16
8:00 am: Deceased Members of the Leone Family

Saturday, October 17
8:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +Lucien Paradis, Sr. & +Lucien Paradis, Jr.

Sunday, October 18 *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Kevin Botte

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Ut Nguyen & + Dinh Ho

Monday, October 19
8:00 am: +Ut Nguyen & +Dinh Ho

Tuesday, October 20
8:00 am: Pro Populo

Wednesday, October 21
8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, October 22
8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, October 23
8:00 am: +Joseph F. Matera

Saturday, October 24
8:00 am: St. Francis: Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: Deceased Members of the Sideranko & Panella Families

Sunday, October 25 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Patricia Ambroszewski

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

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.*



Jesus at Prayer: Part Three

Teach Us How to Pray



By Monsignor Frank Matera

Throughout his ministry, Jesus taught his disciples many lessons about prayer. For example, Saint Luke tells us that there was a particular moment when Jesus was praying. His prayer must have been extraordinary because, when he finished, one of his disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples" (Luke 11:1). We don't know when or how John the Baptist taught his disciples to pray, but that he taught them to pray is not unusual. After all, like Jesus, John was a man of deep prayer. And so, after praying, Jesus realizes that the time has come for him to teach his own disciples how to pray. He wants them to enjoy the same intimate union with the Father that he enjoys. It is at this moment that Jesus teaches his disciples his own prayer, the prayer we call the Our Father. That prayer, as recorded by Saint Luke, is simpler than the version we find in St. Matthew's Gospel.

> Father, hallowed be your name,
> your kingdom come.
> Give us each day our daily bread
> and forgive us our sins
> for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,
> and do not subject us to the final test.
> (Luke 11:2-4)

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray as he prays. He does not use long and elaborate prayer formulas. He does not assault God with a barrage of words. His prayer is simple and direct. He asks for what is most important: that God will bring about the sanctification of his great name, that God's kingdom will come, that we will have the food we need for this day, that God will forgive ours sins and protect us from that great time of trial that will come at the end of the ages.

After teaching his disciples how to pray, Jesus reminds them of the One to whom they are praying. God is our Father who knows what we need before we ask for what we need. And so we can be confident that He hears our prayer. We can be confident that if we ask, God will give us what is good for us. This is why Jesus teaches us, "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened" (Luke 11:9).

But it often seems that our experience is different. We ask but we do not receive; we seek and we do not find; we knock and the door is not opened. It often seems that God does not hear or answer our prayers. It seems that we are praying in vain. That is how it seems to us from our limited human perspective. God hears and answers every prayer in the way that will be best for us. It is only later, sometimes years later, that we understand how God answers our prayers.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray with simplicity and confidence. He reminded them that they are addressing their heavenly Father who already knows what they need before they ask. The best prayer is simple. It is addressed to God is silence as well as in words, because God already knows what we need.

> "GOD HEARS AND ANSWERS *every prayer* IN THE WAY THAT WILL BE BEST FOR US."

CHESTERTON ACADEMY of St. Francis of Assisi NEWS

CULTURA VITAE

OPEN HOUSE DATES

Sunday, October 18 at 1:00 pm

Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 pm

All Open Houses are onsite at 30 Pendleton Road, New Britain

Looking ahead to Fall 2027

While our founding year has just begun, we're continuing to look to the future! Prospective families are welcomed to join us for an Open House, or for a Shadow Day, where their student can spend time on campus for a day attending classes and experiencing the Chesterton difference first-hand. Scan the QR code to learn more!







Field Day - Friday, October 2

From building virtue and strength to fostering friendship and school spirit (and earning House points!), our first Field Day was a great success! Our students brought the enthusiasm, teamwork, and competitive spirit as they worked through a variety of games and challenges. Well done!

Enrollment is ongoing - Apply Now! Visit us at ChestertonSFA.org

FATIMA HOLY HOUR





The next Fatima Holy Hour will be **Sunday, October 11,** at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Church. Join us for:

- Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Praying the Holy Rosary
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Blessing with a 1st class relic of St. Faustina

SAINT FRANCIS LADIES GUILD

invites you to a



BOOK SWAP

And an Afternoon with Guest Speaker

RACHEL SZOSTEK

Adult Programming Librarian

at the New Britain Public Library

A light lunch & dessert 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, or Mary LeBel

Tuesday, October 13*, from 1:00-3:00pm

St. Francis Church Hall - Bring a book to share!

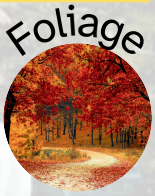
***Please note the corrected date**

St. Francis Senior Fellowship Trip

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Lourdes in Litchfield

- 9:00 am Bus leaves from St. Jerome
- 10:30 am Mass
- 11:30 am Free time
- 12:30 - 2:00 pm Bus returns to St. Jerome







Additional Information

$30 per person | Pack your own lunch

Space is limited RSVP by Tuesday 10/13 with Sofia at 860-224-2411 or sofia@stfranciscatholic.org



Family Adoration

AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

17 OCTOBER | ST. FRANCIS CHURCH | 9 AM TO 11 AM

CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN! CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE & RESERVE YOUR SPOT WITH THE QR CODE (RSVP IS REQUIRED):

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC

Trunk or Treat

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST AT 11:00 AM

ST. JEROME PARKING LOT

Decorate the trunk of your car & reserve one of our 30 car spots by calling the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 or scan the QR code!

Cars RSVP by October 22

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

Knights of Columbus Chapter 31 presents a

WINTER HOMELESS DRIVE

We need the following items:

Winter gloves (men/women)
Winter hats (men/women)
Scarves (men)
Socks (men/women)
Deodorant (men/women)
Hand warmers
10 ride bus passes (available from Stop N Shop)

Drop off locations at the church entrances

Thank you for your generosity!

Runs through November 1

Feast of ALL SOULS



On Monday, November 2, we will offer a Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Francis in remembrance of all parishioners who have passed away in the last year
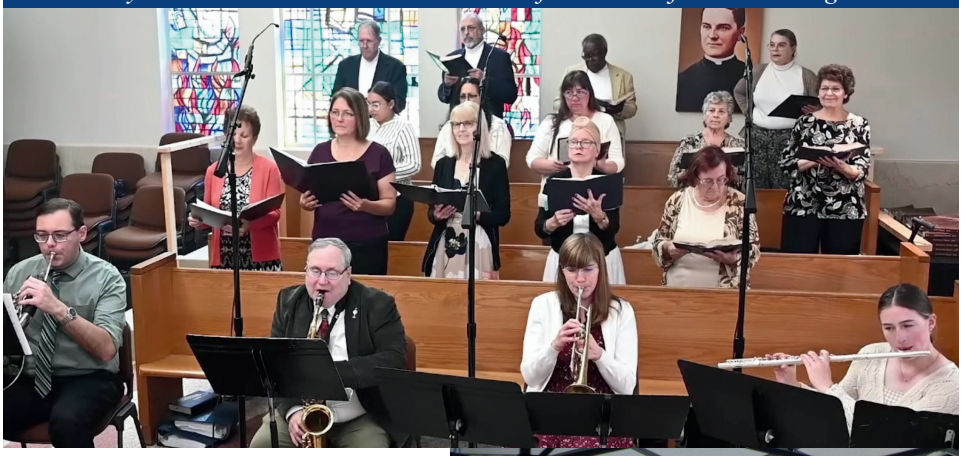




Feast of St. Francis

Crisp autumn air and an array of delicious food welcomed parishioners as they gathered on the lawn of the St. Jerome campus to celebrate our Feast of St. Francis Fall Festival! A huge thank you to our Knights of Columbus Council 31 for handling all the setup and food preparation, as well as to all our dedicated volunteers. Special thanks also to our Chesterton Academy of St. Francis of Assisi students who volunteered and to all who supported our school by sporting some of our awesome school swag!



Thank you to our Choir & Instrument Ensemble for the beautiful music during Mass!

























Blessing of Animals at St. Francis





THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Memorial of

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS

DOCTOR OFTHE CHURCH

Celebrated on: Thursday, October 15

Memorial of

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

BISHOP & MARTYR

Celebrated on: Saturday, October 17





Memorial of

SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBUF & ISAAC JOGUES

PRIESTS & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Celebrated on: Monday, October 19

Feast Day of

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Celebrated on: Thursday, October 22





Feast Day of

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET

Celebrated on: Saturday, October 24

Ongoing Ministries

AA Meetings	Wednesdays 7pm: St. Francis Church basement (young adults) Fridays 7pm: St. Joseph School (in Spanish)
Adult Bible Study	Classes meet Mondays at 6:00pm at St. Francis Hall. 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:

- ☐ **Pasta Sauce**
- ☐ **Peanut Butter**
- ☐ **Ceral**

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

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

~~wedding~~	banquet	king
servants	field	ready
guests	invited	business

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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 22:15-21