ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC

THE BULLETIN

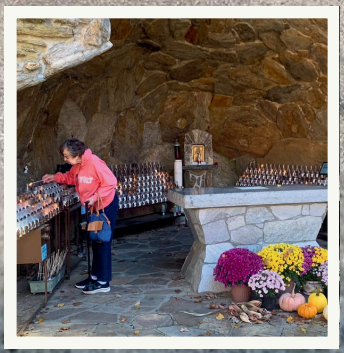
OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Senior Fellowship Trip to Lourdes in Litchfield











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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

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**

There is no evening Mass or Confession on Wednesday, November 4

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

October 11, 2026: $11,091.37

October 18, 2026: $11,978.64

World Mission Sunday: $2,384.00

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

Mass Attendance

October 11, 2026: 608

October 18, 2026: 639

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:



Elizabeth Novosett

Passed away
September 15, 2026



Jeffrey Hartling

Passed away
October 7, 2026

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

At-a-Glance Special Events Calendar

OCTOBER 31	NOVEMBER 2	NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 8	NOVEMBER 10	NOVEMBER 19	*Weekend of* NOVEMBER 22
Trunk or Treat	All Souls Day Mass	First Friday Adoration	Family Faith Formation	Ladies Guild Turkey Bingo	Senior Fellowship Friendsgiving	Parish Bake Sale

Weekly Mass Intentions

All weekday Masses are at St. Francis unless otherwise noted

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: Special Intention

Monday, October 26
8:00 am: Pro Populo

Tuesday, October 27
8:00 am: +Joseph Dubois

Wednesday, October 28
8:00 am: +Clare Onorato & +Helen Morrissey
6:00 pm: Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, October 29
8:00 am: +Therese Lizotte

Friday, October 30
8:00 am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 31
8:00 am: St. Francis: Special Intention

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

Sunday, November 1 *Feast of All Saints*
8:30 am: St. Maurice: Intention of the Celebrant

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

Monday, November 2
8:00 am: Intention of the Celebrant
6:00 pm: Mass of Remembrance for the Feast of All Souls

Tuesday, November 3
8:00 am: +Felix Cruz

Wednesday, November 4
8:00 am: Pro Populo
There is no 6:00 pm Mass or Confession on Wednesday, November 4

Thursday, November 5
8:00 am: +Lucy & Louis Agostinucci

Friday, November 6
8:00 am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, November 7
8:00 am: St. Francis: Sanctification of the Bishop & Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford

4:00 pm Vigil: St. Jerome: +J. Michael Bieszad

Sunday, November 8 *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:30 am: St. Maurice: +Lourdes Raquel Vicario-Rubio

10:30 am: St. Francis: +Alfred & Josephine Santoro

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

***There is no Evening Mass or Confession on Wednesday, November 4**

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 Four

Your Will be Done



By Monsignor Frank Matera

There are moments when prayer is calming and consoling, when prayer gives us confidence and assurance. There are other moments, however, when prayer becomes a great struggle as we strive to do God's will. Jesus experienced such a struggle in his prayer when the time came for his passion.

Throughout his life, Jesus announced that the kingdom of God was making its appearance in his ministry. As he proclaimed the kingdom, large crowds followed him because they thought he was the promised son of David who would deliver them from their enemies. But Jesus knew that God's kingdom would not come through political or military means but through his suffering and death. And so he taught his disciples that he must be rejected, suffer, and die for the kingdom to appear.

As his passion drew near, Jesus entered into the most profound prayer of his life: his great agony in the garden of Gethsemane. Taking Peter, James and John, he says, "My soul is sorrowful even to death." He then prays, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." Now that the hour of the passion has arrived, Jesus is filled with sorrow and distress at the enormity of the suffering he is about to endure. Faced with his impending death, he asks the Father if there is another way to bring about the kingdom apart from his suffering and death.

As Jesus prays, he realizes that there is no other way. His death will be a ransom for many, a death that will save many from sin, a death that will reconcile humanity to God. And so he prays, "yet not as I will but as you will." If there is no other way, Jesus will drink from the cup of suffering so that the will of God will be done for the salvation of the world. Jesus is fully resigned to God's will. He will accept the suffering the lies before him for the sake of the kingdom of God.

There are moments in our prayer when we must be reconciled to God's will: moments of sickness, disappointment, moments of impending death. At such times we often ask the Lord, "Is there another way? Can I avoid the suffering that lies before me?" These moments of intense struggle are the moments of prayer when we must come to terms with God's will for our lives. At such moments, we are often fearful. We don't want to enter our own passion. And so we ask if there is another way, an easier way that doesn't involve suffering. But as we persevere in prayer, we begin to see where God is leading us, and we learn to say with Jesus, "your will be done." Conform me to you will, Lord, and I will follow you. Conform me to you will so that I can find the fulness of life. For in your will is my life.

> "There are moments in our prayer when we must be reconciled to *God's Will*"

Thank you Father Yates

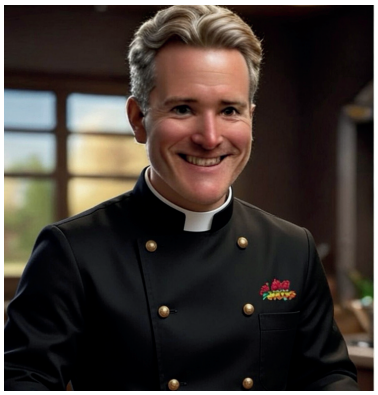
To my friends at Saint Francis Catholic,
As many of you know, I have been assigned by Archbishop Coyne to be the Administrator at Saint Basil the Great Parish, Wolcott and Administrator at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Waterbury. This assignment is effective on November 6, 2026.

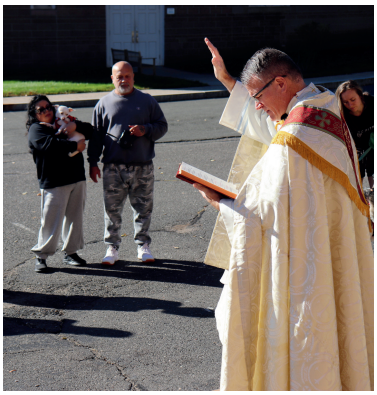
I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for allowing me to become part of the Parish here in New Britain and I have really enjoyed my short time here with you. I am sad that I am leaving you and I will miss the community here in New Britain.

I will always remember my time here in New Britain and I will continue to pray for each of you in my future ministries. I ask that you pray for me and I look forward to seeing you again in the future. May God's blessings be with you.
I love you,
Father SPY









FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

10-11:30 AM | ST. MAURICE HALL

JESUS OUR SAVIOR

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN (NURSERY - HIGH SCHOOL) ARE WELCOME! PRE-REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

Contact Katie King with questions at katie@stfranciscatholic.org



October Follow Up: Encourage other families and get to know your community!

Come to coffee & donuts: Get to know other families young and old

Make a point of greeting new families: Talk to young parents and reassure them about noisy little folks at Mass

Volunteer for greeting or after-Mass clean up: Even little people can help pass out bulletins, put up kneelers & gather hymnals

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Trunk or Treat

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST AT 11:00 AM

ST. JEROME PARKING LOT

Whether you want to decorate your car & hand out candy or have your children attend as trunk-or-treaters, **RSVP is required for both.** Call the office at 860-224-2411 or scan the QR code below to register 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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

ON THE FEAST OF

All Souls

Monday, November 2 | 6:00 pm at St. Francis
1755 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT

During the Mass, we are remembering those whose funerals, memorials, and burials were offered by our parish between October 22, 2025 and October 12, 2026



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Join us
Friday, November 6
St. Francis Church
5:00-10:00pm

SAINT FRANCIS LADIES GUILD

invites you to a



TURKEY BINGO

Admission: One (1) BINGO card will be given to each player with each package of white socks donated (maximum 3 cards). Socks benefit the Newington/ Rocky Hill VA Hospital. Prizes will be awarded

Light lunch & dessert served

For questions call the Parish Office or reach out to an active Ladies Guild members Maria Lazicki , Donna Domizio or Mary LeBel

Tuesday, November 10 from 1:00-3:00pm
St. Francis Church Hall

Join us for Mass in Remembrance of deceased members of the St. Francis Ladies Guild
Tuesday, November 10,2026 at 8:00 am at St. Francis Church

St. Francis Senior Fellowship

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 19, 2026

11:30 am at St. Jerome

Join us for a potluck

Friendsgiving Lunch
&
Advent Activity

$5 per person donation suggested

RSVP & sign up to bring a side dish or dessert by November 9th
Contact Sofia at 860-224-2411
sofia@stfranciscatholic.org

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Calling all BAKERS!
We are once again looking for bakers and volunteers to contribute or assist with sales! Please get in touch with the Parish Office by November 16th at (860) 224-2411.

November 21st and 22nd
Following the 4:00pm, 8:30am & 10:30am Masses

Christmas Mass Schedule 2026

Thursday Dec. 24
4pm
Christmas Eve
St. Jerome

Thursday Dec. 24
10pm
Christmas Eve
St. Jerome

Friday Dec. 25
10am
Christmas Day
St. Jerome

CHESTERTON ACADEMY of St. Francis of Assisi NEWS

CULTURA VITAE

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 pm

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

Open House &

On October 18th we were delighted to welcome many prospective students and their families to our Open House! Guests participated in a mini astronomy lesson led by Mr. Perper, heard a testimony from a current parent, and witnessed our students radiate joy! Applications are open for Fall 2027, and we are accepting transfer students for the upcoming Spring semester! We'd love to have you join us!









Model Students

Earlier this month several of our students and faculty attended the High School Fair at St. Paul School in Kensington, where they had the chance to speak with dozens of prospective families. Thank you St. Paul School for welcoming us!

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

COMMUNITY Snapshots



Baptism of Joseph Rapisarda



Baptism of Leo Saverino



Wedding of Nancy Olis & William Catenzaro



Baptism of Victoria Ortiz



Baptism of Gwendolyn Gilbert



Confirmation of Jakobi Planas

CAPTURING *the heart* OF PARISH LIFE

Join us Monday, November 2 at 6:00 pm at St. Francis

ALL SOULS DAY

In loving memory, we pray for:

Patricia Ambroszewski
Barbara Anderson
Frederick Arduini
Emma Berloni
Saul Berrios
Jacqueline Bosse
Julia Bouchard
Kathy Call
Helene Carbone
Ancilla Carver
Barbara Collier
Dennis Collins
Lucy Cowperthwaite
Ernest D'Agata
Elizabeth DeJesus
Deborah Denigres
Wendy Derosier
Aline Deschaine
Michael Dewell
Barbara Dibble
Antonino DiPietro
Frances Dorbuck
Gail Drunsic
Pamela Duval
Anne Erickson
David Fredericks
Irene Gadzik
Jeffrey Hartling
Arthur Jordan
Alexander Kaczynski
John Koczera
Robert Korhonen
Lena Kozlowski
Florence Kragiel
Mary Krenn
Donald Lapila
Adrien LeClerc
Sebastian Liburdi
Anna Maluski
Elvira Marco
Gene Martin
Joseph Matera
Paul Mercak
Jacintha Mohanraj
Lillian Morales Lopez
Lori Ann Motto
Jacob Najarian
Adeline Nielson
Elizabeth Novosett
Patrick Palemese
Norina Paradis
Russell Passamano, Sr.
Anthony Pleckaitis
Jean Plocharczyk
Dorene Reyes
Marguerite Richard
Nancy Roberge
Richard Rose
Emily Rossignol
Bipul Rozario
Carl Russo
Elizabeth Rutkauskas
Karen Sacharko
Sofio Salemi
Hilda Sampt
Barbara Simpson
Rose Marie Sinclair
Shannon Smith
Stacy Squires
Louis Tarca
Beverly Tinder
John Truhan, Jr.
Gerald Tullai
Rita Violette
Ursula Violette
Timothy West
Dianne Winslow
Vito Zaffarana
Edward Zieger
Marilyn Zieger

Mass of Remembrance

During the Mass, we are remembering those whose funerals, memorials, and burials were offered by our parish between October 22, 2025 and October 12, 2026

THIS WEEK IN SAINTS

"All you holy men and women pray for us"



Feast of
SAINTS SIMON & JUDE
APOSTLES

Celebrated on: Wednesday, October 28

Feast Day of
BLESSED CHIARA BADANO

Celebrated on: Thursday, October 29





Feast Day of
SAINT WOLFGANG

Celebrated on: Saturday, October 31

Feast Day of
SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

Celebrated on: Tuesday, November 3





Memorial of
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO
BISHOP

Celebrated on: Wednesday, November 4

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

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~GREATEST~~
LAW
LOVE
LORD
HEART
SOUL
MIND
NEIGHBOR
YOURSELF

T	R	E	W	A	H	C	I	H	C	E
I	A	S	M	E	T	S	E	G	T	R
C	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	M	A
D	Y	M	N	T	S	I	T	E	H	N
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Y	F	O	T	R	M	H	N	E	D	R

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COLOR

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~TEACH~~
BLESSED
COMFORTED
FILLED
MERCY
PURE
PEACEMAKERS
REJOICE
REWARD

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 22:34-40

All Saints • Matthew 5:1-12a