

Saint Francis of Assisi Church

Rev. Jerzy Auguscik, O.F.M., Conv.
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:00am
Saturday: 8:00am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

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FRIARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm
Friary: 225-6449
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Paula Boyer, Secretary

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Monika Krajewska

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00pm
or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact the Friary at
least 6 months before
the desired date to set up
schedule of premarital
conferences.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners should
register as soon as possible.
Please notify the
Friary of any change of
address or telephone
number.

BAPTISM

Pre-sacramental instruction
required. Call the Friary for
further instruction.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Please call the Friary if someone
you know is hospitalized or
homebound and would like to
receive the Sacraments.

PRAYER LINE

We pray for anyone in need of
prayer. Names are not necessary,
simply tell us your intention.
Contact Maureen at 224-2397
or Marjorie at 357-3853

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All copy should be submitted in
writing to the Friary office by
12 Noon on Monday.

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Saturday, Oct. 21 – Vigil: 29th Ordinary Sunday

4:30PM †Zofia Pasinska req. by Hordejuk Family

Sunday, Oct. 22 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM †Irena & Jozef Starczewski req. by Children

10:00AM †Casimier Lazicki req. by Family

Monday, October 23

7:00AM †Jozef Kubiak req. by Ladzia Haraniut

Tuesday, October 24

7:00AM †Regina Hocyk by Krystyna Dzwonkowski

Wednesday, October 25

7:00AM For Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Thursday, October 26

7:00AM Expiation & Conversion of All Sinners and Healing in our Families

Friday, October 27

7:00AM †Stanislaw & Alina Julia Witkowski by Family

Saturday, October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude

8:00AM †Deceased of Sadowinsky Family by Family

12:00PM Wedding: Cheryl A. Toth & Barry A. Berk

Saturday, Oct. 28 – Vigil: 30th Ordinary Sunday

4:30PM †Robert Gaffney 7th Anniv. req. by Family

Sunday, Oct. 29 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM †Kalisz Family by M/M Joseph Forgione

10:00AM †Angela Salza req. by Mario & Family

Please Pray for...

Our Sick, Homebound and those in Nursing Homes:

Carl Bienkowski, Fr. Darius Dembkowski, Raymond Guerard, Leonard Guzzi, Phyllis Hary, Lee Labianca, Marita O’Neill, Richard Picerno, Stephen Sen and Helen Tomassetti.

Our Deceased: Francis Crowley.

This week the Sanctuary lamps will burn in memory of:



Blessed Sacrament

Henry Zembko

Blessed Mother

Int. of Helen Tomassetti

Saint Joseph

Francis Crowley

Memorial candles are available for \$5.00 each. Please call Paula at 860-225-6449 for details.



Church Support

October 14 & 15

Weekly Collection	\$1,462.52
Children’s Envelopes.....	\$4.00
Monthly Collection	\$381.00
Online Donations	\$297.00
Hurricane Irma	\$19.00

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your support.



III: Barry Allan Berk and Cheryl Ann Toth

Today is World Mission Sunday

A day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. This year we can even “chat” with our chief missionary, Pope Francis, and learn more about his missions and missionaries. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org. **Chat – Pray – Give** this World Mission Sunday.

Today’s Music

E: I Want to Walk as a Child # 540

O: You Are Near # 443

C: You Are Mine # 491

R: We Are the Light of the World # 543

Do You Like to Sing?

Becoming a choir member is a great way to pray and socialize. If you would like more information please call the rectory at 860-225-6449 and leave your name and telephone number. Our Choir Director will get back to you.

St. Gerard's Baby Bottle Drive

St. Gerard's Center for Life is grateful to be welcomed into St. Francis of Assisi Parish this weekend. Rosemarie Mahan, a volunteer from St. Gerard's Pregnancy Center will speak briefly about the center and launch the annual Baby Bottle Drive. Pledge cards or bottles distributed after all Masses today will be collected in two weeks on November 4th & 5th.

October Count

All parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford will conduct our annual October Count this weekend. Ushers will take a head count at each Mass to determine how many people are attending Mass and receiving Communion.

New Britain Council of Catholic Women News

The Divine Providence Parish (St. Joseph & St. Peter) will be hosting a Craft and Tag Sale on Saturday, Nov. 4th in the gym of St. Joseph School at 29 Edson Street from 9AM to 2PM. Admission is free and there will be a bake sale, raffle, and refreshments. Rental of 2 tables is \$15; please call Doris at 860-223-3952. The **New Britain Council of Catholic Women** will be manning a tag sale table and hope to see many of our members and supporters. Council members who wish to provide tag sale items, please email the council at nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com.

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women would like to invite all church members to our Mass for Deceased Members of the Council. The Mass will take place at Saint Paul's Church in Kensington (485 Alling Street) on Tuesday, November 14th at 1:30PM in the old wing. The Mass will be followed by our monthly meeting, tempting refreshments, and a table of desirous raffle prizes.

Please remember that it is not too late to join the New Britain Council. Our dues are minimal – senior dues \$2.00 or regular dues \$5.00. Please make your check payable to **New Britain Council of Catholic Women**. Mail your dues in an envelope addressed to **The New Britain Council of Catholic Women, c/o Shirley Krawczyk, 316 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06051**.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the decision in early October to expand the HHS mandate exemption is a "return to common sense, long-standing federal practice, and peaceful coexistence between church and state." Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the USCCB, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, are hailing the Trump Administration's announcement to provide a broad religious and moral exemption from the mandate requiring health insurance coverage of sterilization, contraception, and drugs and devices that may cause abortions.

Our Vocation Corner

What do we have that belongs to God? How do we make a return for that gift? If you are considering service to God as a priest or religious, call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary. Tel. 860-242-5573; email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Calendar of Meetings and Events

Parish Finance Council Meeting: Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:15PM in the Rectory.

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, Nov. 6 at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

Religion Classes: Grades 1 – 5: Saturday mornings, 8:45 AM – 9:45AM, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 & 18, in the school.

Religion Classes: Grades 6, 7, 8, 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation: Sunday evenings, 4 – 6PM, Nov. 5 & 19, in the school.

Men's Rosary League: Wed., Nov. 15 at 7:00PM in Church. Social Hour follows. All men are invited.

Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of each month. Next date: Friday, Nov. 3, 7:30AM to 3:00PM.

Visitation of the Sick: First Friday of each month. Next date: Friday, Nov. 3. Please call 860-225-6449 if you would like to be visited & receive Communion.

Mass Schedule for All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times: 7:00AM, 9:00AM and 7:00PM

The 7:00PM will fulfill your obligation for the day; however this Mass will also be our Annual Memorial Mass for all parishioners, family and friends who have died between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017. The length of the Mass will increase by 15 to 20 minutes. Everyone is invited to attend this special Mass.

Keeping Our Youth Safe Online: What Every Adult Should Know

Nov. 7th, 7 to 9PM at St. Gianna Parish at St. Mark the Evangelist Church
467 Quaker Lane South, West Hartford

Speaker Scott Driscoll is a law enforcement officer with 21+ years of experience. Scott started Internet Safety Concepts through which he educates people about safety using technology and the internet. The presentation is designed for adults to guide youth in making responsible choices in the digital world and will cover social networking, video chats, texting and sexting.

To register, please contact Ginamarie at Ginamarie.garabedian@aohct.org or by phone at (860) 242-5573. Sponsored by: The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice, Office of Safe Environment, and Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis.

“Engaging Children with Disabilities in Faith Formation”

The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis is hosting a conference entitled “Engaging Children with Disabilities in Faith Formation” on Saturday, October 28, 2017. This is taking place at St. Mark’s the Evangelist Parish Center, 467 Quaker Lane South, West Hartford from 8:30AM to 2:30PM. There will be three rounds of workshops and lunch is included. Cost is \$20 per person. To register, go to www.catholicedaohct.org/resources/catechesis-for-special-need. For questions contact Kelly.henderschedt@aohct.org or call 860-242-5573 ext. 2663.

Come and Pray – Fall, 2017 Holy Hours for Vocations to the Priesthood

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest.” (Matthew 9)

The Vocation Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites everyone to come and pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in our Archdiocese at special Holy Hours, celebrated by Fr. Jeff Gubbiotti, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese. Each Holy Hour begins at 7:00PM and will be followed by a light “coffee and” reception so we have the chance to meet on another. Please join us!

Friday, Nov. 3rd @ 7:00PM
Our Lady of Loreto Parish
12 Ardsley Road
Waterbury

Tuesday, Dec. 19th @ 7:00PM
St. Peter Parish
160 Main Street
Hartford

Please consider joining the St. John Vianney Vocation Prayer Society. Information can be found on our website, www.hartfordpriest.com.

From the desk of the Administrator

Our first reading from Isaiah begins with a reference to God's "anointed Cyrus." That is going to raise a question mark in the minds of the congregation, "Who was Cyrus?" And, "Why was he anointed?" Even if we don't preach from the Isaiah text we might provide the Lector with a few introductory words to explain who Cyrus was. Otherwise, those in the pews are liable to miss the powerful message of the reading. So, let's spend a moment with Isaiah. Cyrus was the Persian potentate, a non-Israelite who permitted the Israelites to return to their homeland from their Babylonian captivity. He even allowed them to rebuild their temple (Ezra 1:1-8). In slavery the Israelites may have hoped for an Israelite warrior to free them. Instead, surprise! Their liberator was a non-Israelite, pagan ruler, not one of the chosen people. "How could this happen?" they may have asked. Isaiah makes it clear that while Cyrus was the instrument for the liberation, it was their God who was the source. What is further amazing is that Cyrus is called God's "anointed." The title used for a descendent of King David is given to a pagan king. He is doing what God wants done – freeing the chosen people. He may not have known God; but God certainly knew him and used him as an instrument of salvation. This is just another example of God even using non-believing humans to accomplish God's will. The prophet tells us God works through humans, who may not even know the source of their will and power to accomplish good. In all things and all times God is the primary source for the good that happens to us, no matter the proximate source. "I am the Lord, and there is no other." Isaiah provides us with insight. We see God's hand working through the gifts of others, "anointed" to do good. It is obvious that our God's good actions are not restricted to a church building, or to any one faith community.



Today's gospel addresses a similar and also divisive issue. Matthew tells us that the Pharisees and Herodians wanted to catch Jesus in a trap about his loyalties. They challenged him, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar, or not?" For his accusers it was an either or rebuild their temple (Ezra 1:) situation. They thought loyalty to God and to one's government were mutually exclusive. The trap for Jesus was that if he said, "Yes, pay the tax," then the Jewish people in the crowd would have turned away from him, since many believed that paying taxes to the pagan Romans was an act of treason towards their people and God. If Jesus said not to pay the tax, then he would be guilty of treason in the eyes of the Romans. The passage has been a favorite for those addressing issues of church and state. "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus clearly did not answer the question put to him, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Jesus' response puts the choice back in the hands of his adversaries. They will have to decide for themselves: What is of God? What is of Caesar? The coin that bears Caesar's image belongs to Caesar. Those trying to trap Jesus had the coin used for paying the tax, so they must have already been paying it. But we humans are stamped with the image and likeness of God. We can pay the tax, but we do not belong to Caesar. We belong to God.

Peace to all!

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