

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

3rd Sunday Of Advent, December 11TH, 2022

SAINT MARY CHURCH

626 Willard Avenue
Newington, CT 06111
Phone: (860) 666-1591
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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am

Confession

Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45pm

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9:00am - 4:00pm

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

183 Church Street
Newington, CT 06111
Phone: (860) 666-5671
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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am,
& 11:30am

Daily Mass Times

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

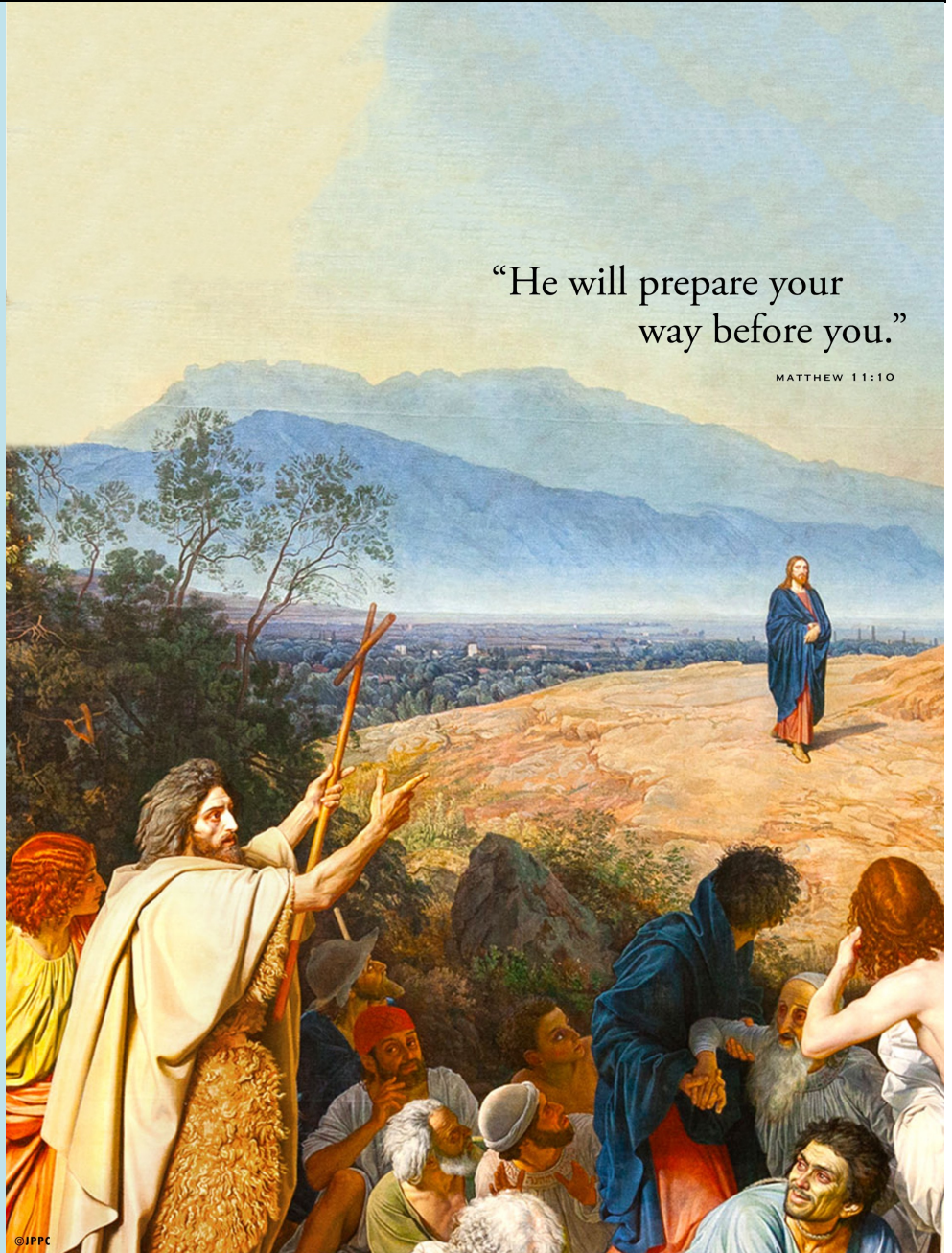
Confession

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
9:00am - 2:00pm

Visit us on the web @
annunciationnewington.com



“He will prepare your
way before you.”

MATTHEW 11:10

He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— he remains faithful forever.

[Psalm 146:6-10](#)

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Welcome To Annunciation Parish, The Roman Catholic Community of Newington



Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning parishioner, a new parishioner, or a visitor, welcome to our community. We are glad that you are here and hope that you feel at home. If you are not already a member of our parish, please consider joining us. If you are a member of our parish already, please consider joining one of our ministries.

The Catholic Church welcomes new members of all ages. Children are welcomed into our faith through the sacrament of Baptism. Adults can either join our faith, or complete their sacraments of initiation through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or our Adult Confirmation program. If you are interested in any of these programs, please contact Pastoral Associate Deacon Jim Tanguay at: deaconjimt@annunciationnewington.com or call (860) 666-1591, ext. 104.

Parish Priests

Rev. Robert Morgewicz, Pastor

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frjoseph@annunciationnewington.com

Rev. Lawrence Bock, In Residence

Msgr. James Kinnane, In Residence

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Sacramental Ministries

Baptism - To schedule a Baptism, visit our website [@www.annunciationnewington.com](http://www.annunciationnewington.com), *scroll down to Quick Links (center of Home Page), Select - Book a Baptism*).

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least **six months** in advance. Couples meet with the priest for an initial pastoral conversation before a wedding date can be set. Please do not make other plans until a date has been confirmed with your parish.

For the Sick

We are happy to visit with the homebound. If you or a loved one would like a home visit, Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory office.



Christmas Mass Schedule



December 24th

Saint Mary 4:00 p.m.

Holy Spirit 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.

(There will not be a 9:00 a.m. mass on December 24th)

December 25th

Saint Mary 8:00, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Spirit 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Advent Giving

During this Advent season, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, let us turn our hearts and thoughts to those less fortunate and in need. In the spirit of this time of giving, we are asking for **Gift Cards only**. Below is a list of Gift Cards that would be the most helpful for our outreach:

Price Chopper	Stop & Shop	Walmart
Walgreens	Subway	Big Y
Target	Dunkin Donuts	CVS



Gift Cards may be returned to the rectory at both Saint Mary Church and Holy Spirit Church, or to the Religious Education Office located at the back of Holy Spirit Church between 9:00 and 1:00pm, Monday through Thursday. There will also be baskets clearly marked during each Mass at both Churches on the back of the pews to collect the gift cards. **Thank you for your continued generosity and support!** Peace, Religious Education Office ***ALL GIFT CARDS must be returned by Sunday, December 18th to insure timely distribution to all organizations!***

Readings For The Week

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18B-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10th, Advent Weekday

- 4:00 p.m. Ann Profetti, Birthday Remembrance, By Her Daughters, **H/S**
4:00 p.m. Alessandro DeFilippis, By His Wife & Children, **S/M**

Sunday, December 11th, Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Emilia Pizzoferrato, By Her Son, Antonio, **H/S**
8:00 a.m. The Kurtz, Sr. Family, **S/M**
9:30 a.m. Judith Igielski, 1st Anniversary, By Her Family, **H/S**
10:00 a.m. James & Stasia Zalewski, By Their Daughter, **S/M**
11:30 a.m. Zygmunt Brezezinski, 1st Anniversary, By His Family, **H/S**

Monday, December 12th, USA: Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 9:00 a.m. Jack Germano, 10th Anniversary, By His Family, **H/S**

Tuesday, December 13th, Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

- 9:00 a.m. Norma Martin, By Her Husband, **H/S**

Wednesday, December 14th, Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

- 9:00 a.m. Albert Reney, By His Wife & Family, **H/S**

Thursday, December 15th, Advent Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Gratiniano Suarez, By Marco Suarez, **H/S**

Friday, December 16th, Advent Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Anthony, Albert, & Jennie Rizzo, By Their Family, **H/S**

Saturday, December 17th, Late Advent Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Carmelo Sollima 6th Anniversary, By His Wife & Family, **H/S**
4:00 p.m. Rose McCormack, 8th Anniversary, By Her Family, **H/S**
4:00 p.m. Giovanni Carducci, Birthday Remembrance, By His Wife
Anna & Family, **S/M**

Sunday, December 18th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Antonio & Filomena Manocchio, By Her Son, Angelo, **H/S**
8:00 a.m. Marc Grondin, By His Family, **S/M**
9:30 a.m. Maria Piwowarska, 5th Anniversary, By Her Son,
Family & Great Grandchild, **H/S**
10:00 a.m. Aldo DiCiorcio, 3rd Anniversary, By His Wife Donato, **S/M**
11:30 a.m. Manolita Tongson, Birthday Remembrance, By Her Family, **H/S**



In Loving Memory we pray for...

Joseph Borselle
Joseph Mauro
Joan Palumbo

And for the consolation of their family & friends. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; let your light shine upon them.*

Parish Support

December 4, 2022

Weekly	\$13,741.
On Line Giving	\$ 5,262.
Total	\$19,003.

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church
6:00 - 7:00pm Tuesday
Evenings



The Sanctuary lamp Is Lit At:

Holy Spirit Church
On December 11-17
For: **Emilia Pizzoferrato**

By
Her Son, Antonio



Parish Calendar

Religious Education

Grade 10 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, **December 11, 2022** for 11:30 am Mass @ Holy Spirit Church and immediately to the church hall after Mass for seminar. Dismissal is at 1:30 pm.

Grade 8 Reconciliation is Monday, **December 12, 2022**, at **6:30 pm** at Holy Spirit Church. Students should sit with their class.

Sunday, December 18th @ 4:30 p.m. Knights Sandwich collection-Saint Mary School parking lot

The Men's Club

...meets on the third Wednesday of every month, @ 6:00.pm in St. Mary lower Rectory.
Contact: Tom Morris @ (860) 666-6331.

The Men's Fellowship Group

...meets every Thursday evening from 6:30-8:00 pm @Holy Spirit Church Hall.
Contact: Angelo Marchetti (860) 202-1612



Please welcome into our parish family, the following children who were recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

Briella Kaite Laraia

To be baptized at Annunciation Parish, you must be a registered parishioner, reside in Newington, or have some tangible connection to our Parish.

To get started, visit our website at: annunciationnewington.com/baptism

♪ COME SING WITH US! ♪

We are currently recruiting new members for all choirs at St. Mary's. If you are interested in singing in any of the Choirs, we encourage you to get in touch with our Director of Music, Sandra Dias at:

music.dias@annunciationnewington.com

Cherubim Choir: children, ages 7-12.

Rehearsals on Saturdays after the 4:00 Mass (5:00-6:00), starting 11/12

Teen Choir: teens, ages 13-18. Rehearsals on Sundays after the 10:00 Mass (11:00-12:00), starting 11/13

Adult Choir: Rehearsals on Wednesdays 7:00-8:30

Resurrection Choir: Rehearsals before funerals

We look forward to seeing everyone for a great year of beautiful singing and especially start preparing for the celebration of Christmas!

Newington Food Pantry Collection

Thank you everyone for your generosity! In November we collected approximately 450 sandwiches and many bags of pretzels, cookies, chips and snacks for the Saint Elizabeth House and South Park Inn in Harford. These shelters support over 160 individuals daily and are very grateful for our donations. They use these sandwiches for lunches, late-meals, walk-in's and outreach programs. Our collections are on the third Sunday of the month.

Our next collection is **December 18th @ 4:30** in the St. Mary School parking lot. Please note, if there happens to be inclement weather on the collection date, the collection will be cancelled; safety first. Thank you for living your faith by helping others!

Please call Bill @ (860)-436-2669 in the evenings if you have any questions.



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Knights of Columbus Appreciation to Annunciation Parish

The K of C donated \$650 to the Newington food pantry and gave 12 girls and 12 boys coats for the holidays. Part of the donations came from the October Breakfast and November Pasta Meal, \$350. The remaining funds were provided by the K of C and anonymous donors. Human Services is very grateful to Annunciation Parish and the K of C. This is just one of the many charitable activities that the Knights do, and if any Catholic man 18yrs & older would like to join the Newington Council 3884, you can now join online and receive one year free membership.

Just go to www.kofc.org/joinus then enter the Promo Code: Blessed McGivney and Preferred Local Council: 3884

God Bless. Walt Malkauskas, Grand Knight.

Retirement Fund for Religious

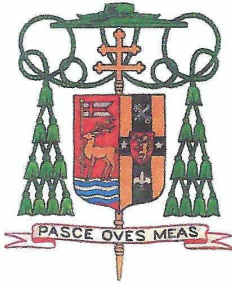


December 11th:

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in ministries—such as Catholic schools, parishes, and hospitals—often for little or no pay. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your donation helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously.

Thank you!

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OFFICE OF
THE ARCHBISHOP

November 19/20, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday Mass this weekend is the celebration of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church calendar prior to the beginning of Advent next week. I wish you a happy liturgical "new year." May it be a year of grace and blessing for us all.

There is one blessing in particular that we need to ask of God for the wellbeing of the Church. Today we are facing a very serious decline in the number of priests to serve our archdiocese. This year we lament the fact that there were no ordinations to the priesthood.

We are not the only diocese facing this situation, but that is scant consolation. We can learn, however, from those dioceses that are moving in the other direction. At an episcopal ordination in Ohio I asked the Archbishop of Cincinnati the reason for the success his archdiocese is having with priestly ordinations (He ordained seven priests this year). His answer: the vocation prayer that is said at his direction at every Mass on weekends in his archdiocese. Other bishops have spoken likewise.

Sometimes we may be tempted to make light of prayer, as if the pledge of prayers is just a pious gesture. However, it is Jesus Himself who spoke of "sheep without a shepherd," and said that we must "ask the harvest master to send laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 18:20). We cannot doubt the Lord Himself, and we need to heed his words. It is urgent that we pray together publicly for vocations to the priesthood.

For some time now I have directed that the St. Michael prayer be said immediately after the dismissal at Sunday Masses (after, as distinct from the liturgical prayer of the Mass). I was inspired to do so by Pope Francis, who had directed that it be prayed universally after the rosary for a set time. That time has passed but the timeliness of the St. Michael Prayer remains. Now that you have been introduced or re-introduced to it, it is my hope that you will continue to pray it privately.

In its place, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26/27, I want us all to say the *Prayer for Priestly Vocations* that I am sending to your pastor to be made available in church. There is great power in praying together, as Jesus told when he said "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20).

Some may question why we are only praying for priestly vocations. More inclusive prayers can be offered by anyone at any time, and should be, but our public and urgent plea to the Lord is for priests, without whom there can be no sacraments, especially Penance and the Holy Eucharist, the life's blood of our union with Christ.

May God answer our prayers, and may he bless you for all that you do to promote priestly vocations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

(860) 541-6491 / FAX (860) 541-6293

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

Heavenly Father,

You have created us for a definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous
“Yes.”

Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. May our young men respond to Your call with courage and
zeal.

Stir among them a desire and the strength to be good and
holy priests.

We make our prayer for priestly vocations to You, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, Patron of our Archdiocese, pray for us.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Annunciation Parish Men's Fellowship Group

"A Call to Courageous Manhood"

Living life courageously, responsibly, rejecting passivity to reach the **ultimate reward**: a relationship with Jesus Christ.
Men of all ages are welcome to join us in fellowship.

This program fosters fellowship among men of all ages and backgrounds to develop trust and encourage true friendships that hold each one of us accountable for one another through scripture readings and the sharing of our faith. Therefore, leading us to become Christian leaders and servants of God for our families, communities and our parish.

We meet either on Wednesday or Thursday nights in the hall at Holy Spirit Church from 6:30pm - 8pm. Please text Angelo to confirm which night.

Anyone who is interested please register by either emailing or texting Angelo Marchetti at angelomarchetti2367@outlook.com/8602021612. Please provide the following information: full name, home address, phone number and email address. Walk-Ins are always welcome!

Annunciation Parish
MEN'S
Fellowship
We are either growing or dying!
Come join us in GROWING!
Be a better PERSON
Be a better HUSBAND
Be a better FATHER
Be a better DISCIPLE
We meet EVERY
THURSDAY @ 6:30PM-8:00PM
Holy Spirit Parish Hall
183 Church St, Newington, CT 06111
"In us and through us may Christ Increase"

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

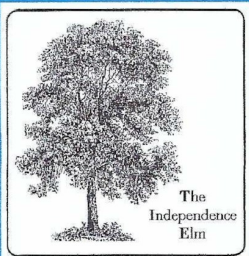
Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity?

Do you have an hour and a half each week to pack and deliver food to homebound seniors?



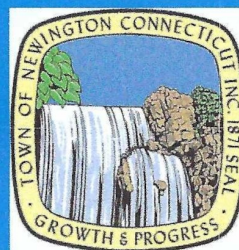
The Newington Senior & Disabled Center
is looking for volunteers.

Call Barbara Womer, Program Coordinator, for details
860-665-8772.



Newington Senior and Disabled Center

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Improving the well being of older adults and adults with disabilities in the Town of Newington.