



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023

SAINT MARY CHURCH

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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
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Mass Times

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

Daily Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 9:00am

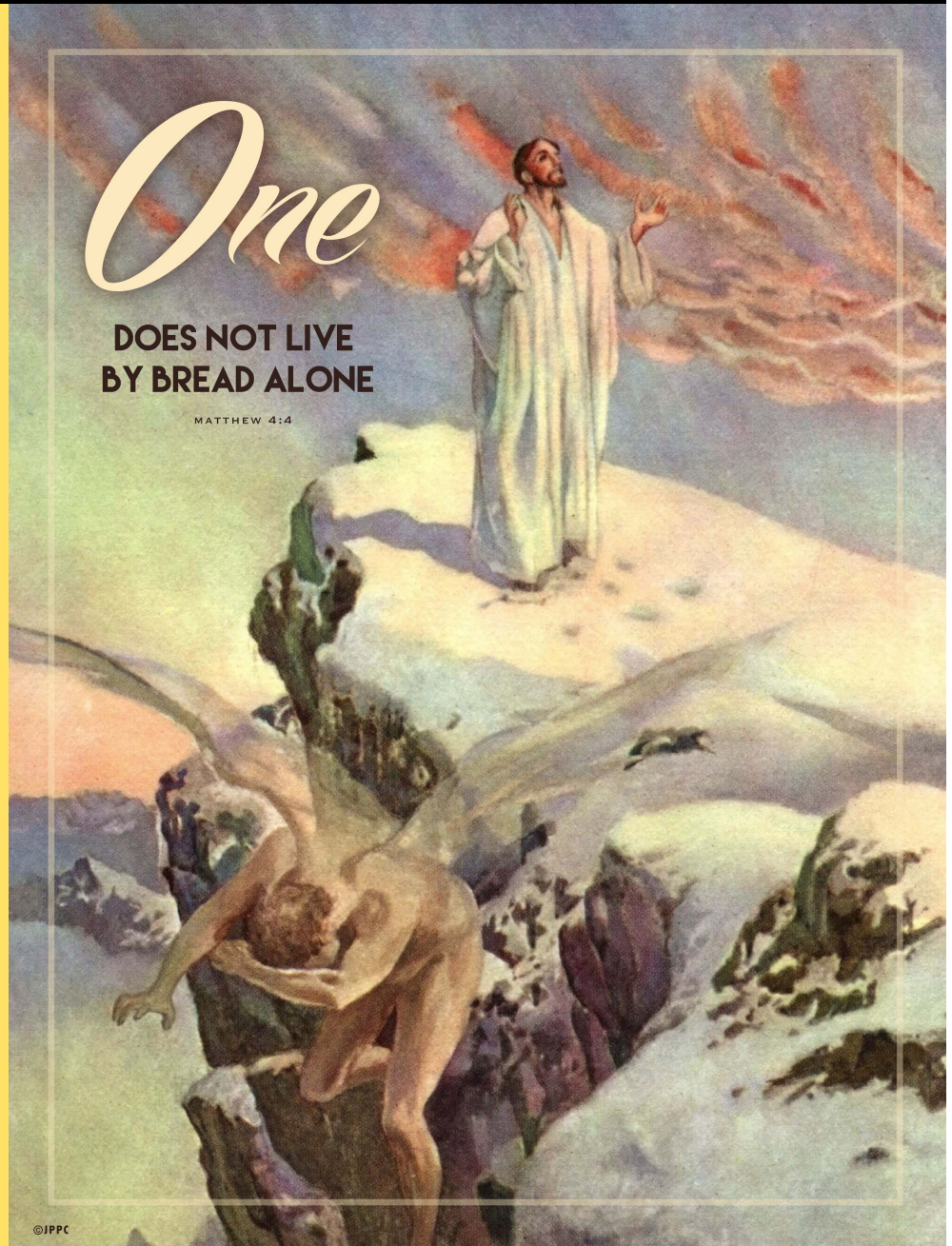
Confession

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Office Hours

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

Visit us on the web @
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**DOES NOT LIVE
BY BREAD ALONE**

MATTHEW 4:4

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“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—”

Romans 5:12

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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, please call the rectory at: (860) 666-1591.

Parish Priests

Rev. Robert Morgewicz, Pastor

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Sacramental Ministries

Baptism - To schedule a Baptism, visit our website @www.annunciationnewington.com, *scroll down to Quick Links (center of Home Page), Select - Book a Baptism* and then once the form is submitted, Deacon Blanchette will call to arrange a meeting.

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.

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Cross 2023 Order Form

Annunciation Parish

Newington Knights of Columbus Council #3884



- Beautiful 24" x 12" Palm Crosses
- Decorated with 60 pieces of Palm
- Purple Ribbon
- 2 Artificial Lilies
- Individually Bagged
- \$12 Each

Please place the order form and payment in a plain envelope labeled "Palm Crosses" and return in the collection basket by **March 19th**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Crosses: _____ x \$12.00 Each

Paid by: CASH _____ CHECK _____ Total: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KOFC COUNCIL 3884

Crosses will be available for pick up at Holy Spirit Church Hall on Saturday, March 25th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

If there are questions, please contact:
Bill Mitchell 860-436-2669; wmitchell1927@gmail.com

All Annunciation Parish parishioners are invited to attend a Saint Patrick's Day dinner celebration. The Annunciation Women's Guild will be sponsoring a celebration on Saturday March 11th. It will be held in the Holy Spirit church hall. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm and includes dinner and entertainment. A buffet dinner will be provided by Michaels Catering and includes: Corn beef and cabbage, potatoes carrots and onions, Irish soda bread, coffee and tea. The entertainment will be Karaoke by Patty Energizer Shock. If you wish to attend, the cost is \$35 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be sold after all Masses at the main/central entrance of both churches on the weekends of February 18/19 and February 25/26. Payment by check made out to Annunciation Women's Guild is the preferred method. Please contact: Theresa Urbanski, at: [860-257-8189](tel:860-257-8189) for any questions. Please join us for a fun evening.

The Annunciation Parish

Comedy Night!

Save the date: Saturday,
April 22!!

Readings For The Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25th, The Vigil of Sunday

H/S 4:00 p.m. Arthur A. Rasimas, By Anna Marie Simcic

S/M 4:00 p.m. Mary & Sebastiano Zocco, 40th Anniversary,
By Their Daughter, Lucy

Sunday, February 26th, First Sunday of Lent

H/S 7:30 a.m. Barbara Letizio, 3rd Anniversary, By Her Family

S/M 8:00 a.m. Lucy Cerarami, By Her Family

H/S 9:30 a.m. M/M Antonio & Filomena & Angelo Manocchio,
By Their Daughter

S/M 10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of The Salvatore & Lidia Colangelo Family
By Salvatore & Lidia Colangelo

H/S 11:30 a.m. Rose & Robert Colgan, By Their Family

Monday, February 27th, Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Remy Martula, By His Parents

Tuesday, February 28th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Katherine & Karol Martula, By Their Son

Wednesday, March 1st, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Jane Coughlin, By Dolores

Thursday, March 2nd, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Barry Skipp, Sr., 8th Anniversary, By His Wife, Sue

Friday, March 3rd, Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin

H/S 9:00 a.m. Anthony, Eliswa & Benitta Palazhi,
By Their Family

Saturday, March 4th, The Vigil of Sunday

H/S 4:00 p.m. Kenneth G. Phelan, By The Phelan Family

S/M 4:00 p.m. Vito Letizia & Carlo & Marie Cicoria
By Their Daughter

Sunday, March 5th, Second Sunday of Lent

H/S 7:30 a.m. Anita Fairwood, By Richard & Ronald Fairwood &
Maureen Kievman

S/M 8:00 a.m. The John Kurtz Sr. Family

H/S 9:30 a.m. Helen & Richard Murdock,
By Carol Ann & Al Slivinskas & The Carmienke Family

S/M 10:00 a.m. Giovanni Margiotta, By His Sister & Family

H/S 11:30 a.m. Larry Scaringe, 10th Anniversary, By His Family



In Loving Memory we pray for...

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

Sisto Carroccia

John Colwick

Lawrence Perilocosi

Parish Support

February 5, 2023

Weekly \$11,296

Online Giving \$ 4,177

Total \$15,473

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

Spend the whole hour or as much time as you can give!

The Sanctuary Lamp

is lit at:

Holy Spirit Church

On February 19-25

For Rose & Robert Colgan,

By Their Family



The Newington Food Pantry Collection will be held on **March 4th & 5th.**

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet Thursday, **March 16th @ 12:30 p.m.** in the Holy Spirit Church Hall. All are welcome to attend!

The Men's Club

...meets on the third Wednesday of every month, @ **6:00.p.m** 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

Religious Education

Confirmation for our 45 young people will take place on **Saturday, March 18, 2023, 10 a.m.** at The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

First Holy Communion will take place on **April 15th @ 10:00 a.m.** at Holy Spirit Church.



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

Charlotte Sophia Alasso

Nathan Murray Peterson

Francesca Maria Sanzo

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

The Annunciation Women's Guild

Executive Board, Members Only Meeting will be held on **March 6 @ 6:30 p.m.** in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

Tootsie Roll Drive Collection Thank-you!

Thank-you Annunciation Parish for your generous donation! The of K of C collected \$1,896 at St. Mary's and Holy Spirit Churches during the Tootsie Roll Church Drive in January. Moneys will be used towards intellectually disabled persons and their families. Thanks for making a difference!

Newington Food Pantry Collection

A very sincere "Thank You" to all who participated in our Knights of Columbus Newington Food Pantry Collection in February for non-perishable food and hygiene items.

Annunciation Parish donated 567 pounds of food and hygiene items to the Pantry! Many people in need in our town will benefit from your generosity.

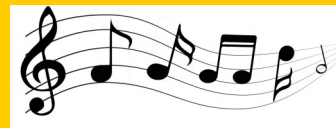
The next collection is **March 4th and 5th** at the main entrance of both churches. The collections are held the first full weekend of each month. Thank you for living your faith by helping others!

Items Needed: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning products, health and beauty products, tin foil, plastic wrap, juice, coffee, tea, canned tuna or chicken, soup, peanut butter, jelly, and baking items.

New Music Director at St. Mary's Church

Annunciation Parish is happy to welcome Mr. Mark Neumann who will be serving as the new director of music and organist at St. Mary's Church. Mark comes to us with extensive knowledge of sacred music and we are so happy that he is willing to share his talents with us.

Please welcome him to our parish.



Spiritual Practices During Lent 2023

Eucharistic Adoration and Opportunity for Confession

Tuesday Evenings at Holy Spirit: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 at St. Mary 3:00-3:45 at Holy Spirit

Stations of the Cross and Opportunity for Confession

Fridays During Lent: (2/24, 3/3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

Noon at St. Mary and 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit

Lenten Video Presentation

Fridays During Lent, (7:30 p.m.) at Holy Spirit Hall

The Stations of the Cross...

A Lenten Practice Hundreds of Years Old

Traditionally, Lenten devotions in parish churches have drawn attention to the suffering and death of Jesus. The most popular one is known as the Stations of the Cross. During the time of the Crusades (1095-1270), it became popular for pilgrims to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary.

In the next two centuries, after the Moslems recaptured the Holy Land, pilgrimages were too dangerous. A substitute pilgrimage, the Stations of the Cross, became a popular outdoor devotion throughout Europe during the Middle Ages. The Stations represented critical events from Scripture or tradition of Jesus' journey to Calvary and varied in number from five to 20 until the 18th century when Pope Clement XII fixed the number at 14 stations.

In the mid-18th century, Stations were allowed inside churches and became a familiar feature in Catholic churches. In the 1960s, it became popular to add a fifteenth Station representing the end of the journey—the resurrection.

This beautiful Lenten tradition—walking the steps of Jesus to Calvary—is continued in our own Churches during Lent. All are invited to make attending the communal Stations of the Cross part of their Lenten Spiritual Plan.

The praying of the Stations of the Cross usually lasts about 30 minutes.

While the tradition of praying the Stations on Friday reminds us that it was Friday that Jesus walked to his death for our sins, the Stations can be prayed privately on any day and at any time.

Lenten Obligation Dispensation

With regard to the matter of St. Patrick's Day falling on a Friday of Lent:

The Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair formally dispenses those for whom this is an especially joyful celebration from the Lenten obligation to abstain from meat that day. In as much as fasting is a spiritual good, meant, in the words of the Catechism, "to help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart," I encourage them to choose another day during that week on which to transfer the Lenten abstinence.

Abstinence During Lent

- * Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
- * The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.
- * Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.
- * Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59.
- * When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
- * The sick and infirmed are excused from acts of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to exchange in some other forms of penance.