



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19 2023

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 - Friday: 9:00am

Confession

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45pm

Office Hours

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

Visit us on the web @
annunciationnewington.com



IF YOU WERE BLIND, YOU WOULD HAVE

no sin.

JOHN 9:41

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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

fr.morgewicz@aohct.org

Rev. Joseph Pullikattil, Parochial Vicar

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, *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

Spiritual Practices During Lent 2023

Eucharistic Adoration 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 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

Holy Spirit Contemporary Choir

invites you to join them for the presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ." This contemplative prayer service consists of readings and music. It will begin at 7:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church on Wednesday, April 5th. This will replace the service usually held on Good Friday.

LAND OF PEACE MISSION VISIT

Next week, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission - a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries - all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem.

Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. Please see the website: www.landofpeace.org

Yours respectfully,

Director Noel Alshomali
Knight of Columbus Council 10724

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 19, 2023

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 18th, The Vigil of Sunday

H/S 4:00 p.m. Brendan Helberg, By His Family

S/M 4:00 p.m. Elaine Chaponis, By Brian & Carol Forgione

Sunday, March 19th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

H/S 7:30 a.m. Chester Zlotkowski, 1st Anniversary, By His Family

S/M 8:00 a.m. Annunciation Parishioners

H/S 9:30 a.m. Chester DiPietro, 20th Anniversary, By His Family

S/M 10:00 a.m. Deacon Michael O'Toole, By The Annunciation Women's Guild

H/S 11:30 a.m. Alexander Norris, 58th Anniversary, By Dave & Mary

Monday, March 20th, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

H/S 9:00 a.m. Josephine Tongson, Birthday Remembrance, By Her Family

Tuesday, March 21st, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Marianna Gajos, By Her Daughters

Wednesday, March 22nd, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Janina & Joseph Ziewacz, By Their Daughter & Family

Thursday, March 23rd, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

H/S 9:00 a.m. Donald, Concetta, Zachary & Dominic Cantafi, By The Cantafi Family

Friday, March 24th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Burton Callahan Jr., 13th Anniversary, By His Family

Saturday, March 25th, The Vigil of Sunday

H/S 4:00 p.m. Robert V. Claffey, By George & Mary Claffey

S/M 4:00 p.m. Antonio & Rose Letizio, By Their Daughter, Rosemarie

Sunday, March 26th, Fifth Sunday of Lent

H/S 7:30 a.m. Matthew Chacko, By His Family

S/M 8:00 a.m. Annunciation Parishioners

H/S 9:30 a.m. Normand, Kenneth & Katelyn Hebert, By Their Family

S/M 10:00 a.m. Sebastiano Vittorio Buccilli, By His Family

H/S 11:30 a.m. Richard C. Tinto, 22nd Anniversary, By His Wife & Family



In Loving Memory we pray for...

Richard T. Donlin

Thomas Mauro

Nunzio Parente

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

Parish Support

March 12, 2023

Weekly	\$11,026
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$ 4,366</u>
Total	\$15,392

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:

St. Mary's Church

On March 19-25

For A Special Intention

Religious Education

The Sacrament of Confirmation took place Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be strengthened within our young people and may they celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We congratulate and wish our 45 young people many blessings.

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

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 Knights Sandwich Collection will be held on **Sunday, March 19th @ 4:30 p.m.** @ St. Mary's Church 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 Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00 pm Holy Spirit Church Hall.

Contact: Angelo Marchetti @ (860) 202-1612

Bunnies for Hunnies



March 19th - April 2nd

Please consider giving the gift of comfort by donating a new bunny. Collected bunnies will be donated to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center and local shelters.

Drop off is at the doors of Holy Spirit Church.

Women's Guild Executive Board members only will meet @ 6:30 pm in Holy Spirit Church Hall on **April 3rd.**

The Women's Guild next general membership meeting will be held on **April 11th.** The evening will start with a Mass at **6:00 pm** in the Holy Spirit Church celebrated by Father Morgewicz and offered for the deceased members of the guild. The business meeting, including election of officers for the next year, will follow the Mass in the Holy Spirit Church Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us as we come together in prayer and fellowship to support one another and our Parish.



Knights of Columbus Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast

Come join us in Holy Spirit Hall for our popular breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, from 8 to 11. Breakfast includes: eggs, ham, sausage, pancakes, danish, and beverages. To secure your seat and assist K of C planning, we are selling tickets at the front entrance to St. Mary's Mar 18/19 and Holy Spirit Mar 25/26. Cost is \$10 for adult, \$5 for children under 12 and under 3 are free. Walk-ins with payment at the breakfast are welcome. Proceeds go towards the Knights of Columbus. Please contact John Hurst at: 860-280-5271 or jahurstjr@gmail.com with

The Annunciation Parish

Comedy Night!

Saturday, April 22 at Holy Spirit Church Hall

Doors open @ **6:00** & Show starts @ **7:00**

Tickets are **\$25.00 each**

Family Friendly Show
Raffle Prizes & Snacks

Note From The Pastor



Our parish family of Annunciation received some great news last week from Archbishop Blair. Although Fr. Joseph has been serving parishes within the Archdiocese of Hartford for over 20 years, he was still a priest for the Diocese of Palai, India under the authority of Bishop Kallarangatt.

A few months ago, Fr. Joseph sent a letter to his Bishop asking for permission to leave the Diocese of Palai and join the Archdiocese of Hartford. Such requests are rarely granted because Bishops understandably are adverse to “losing” one of their men to another Diocese. However, Bishop Kallarangatt took into consideration Fr. Joseph’s many years of priestly service to the people here, and so he hesitantly, but willingly, asked Archbishop Blair to incardinate (accept) Fr. Joseph into this Archdiocese a request that Archbishop Blair was more than happy to oblige.

On a practical level, nothing will change - Fr. Joseph will still go about administering the sacraments and serving the parish as he has always done. But it is comforting to know that Fr. Joseph is here to stay in the Archdiocese and will not be called back to service in the Diocese of Palai at any point. When he travels in the future, it will be as a family member returning home for a visit, and no longer as a priest committed to that Diocese.

May God bless Bishop Kallarangatt for his accommodating wisdom and Archbishop Blair for his foresight in securing for this Archdiocese a good and holy priest. Fr. Joseph-the priests and people of the Archdiocese share in your joy!

Can You Help?

As you may know there is a group of dedicated parishioners who volunteer to count the weekend collection on Monday mornings. These teams of parishioners spend anywhere from one to two and a half hours doing this work depending on the volume and the weekend. They are very generous with their time and the parish thanks them very much.

A request is being made so that you might help streamline the job that the money counters do each week, allowing them to be efficient with their time as much as possible?

There are a few do's and don'ts that are being asked to make the job of a money counter easier and quicker to accomplish. In your charity please consider:

1. Never use tape or stickers of any kind on your envelopes
2. Never staple anything
3. Never fold checks or money
4. Always list amount given on the outside of the envelope
5. Use the least amount of checks possible...in other words, if you are contributing for two weeks at a time, for example weekly, just use one envelope and one check.
6. Consider giving online. This eliminates the volunteer counters from having to open, count and process your contribution. Online giving can be easily set up by going to the link below or by going to the parish website and joining online givers there. It is safe and easy. You control the amount and frequency and using this method really would help make the money counters job easier.
7. All donations given in "envelopes" will be credited for the year end tax statement.

For those many parishioners who use online giving, we want to thank you! Of special note, with the merger of St. Mary Parish and Holy Spirit Parish, all online donations will now be made to Annunciation Parish using the merged link:

<https://osvhub.com/annunciationnewington/giving/funds>

To all the generous parishioners, we are extremely grateful for your past and continued support of our parish, may God bless you for the generous giving of your time, talent and treasures!



**CONNECTICUT
MARCH FOR LIFE**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Hartford, Connecticut

ct.marchforlife.org

Franciscan Life Center offering Enrichment Programs

Dr. Thomas Finn, Clinical Psychologist on staff at the *Franciscan Life Center*, is presenting two educational enrichment programs in the spring of 2023.

Parenting Classes - April 12 and 13, from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm

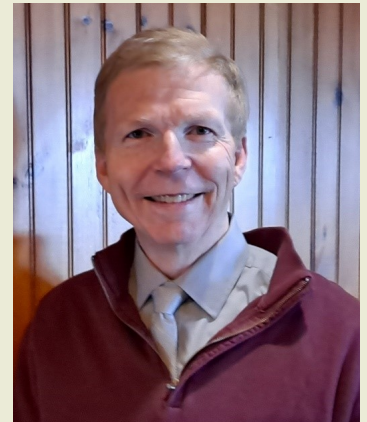
Classes are designed **to help parents learn techniques to help raise responsible and cooperative children. The class is geared toward parents with children 13 years of age and younger.** The Cost is \$45.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple.

Anxiety Workshops - May 24 and 31 and June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This six-week psycho-educational program provides basic tools for managing anxiety including relaxation techniques

and improved thinking styles based on the principles of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, a highly effective therapeutic method for anxiety reduction.

Participants age 16 and over are welcome. The Cost is \$50.00 for each session.

These events will be held in the San Damiano Room of the Chiara Center, 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden. For more information, please visit flcenter.org or call 203-237-8084.



Open House for Corpus Christie School

Could a Catholic school education be the answer to your prayers?

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, is celebrating its **60th Anniversary** this year! We are delighted to be back to fully collaborative learning and school wide events. Students benefit from small class sizes and personalized attention. A structured curriculum combined with a nurturing environment result in student success – imagine how your child could soar!! We are hosting a **Spring Open House on Tuesday, April 4th** from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. Tuition assistance is available. The school encompasses PreK - 8th grade. To register, please visit our website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487.

Holy Baptism

Baptism is a Joyous occasion in which children are initiated into the catholic faith. 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 and once the form is submitted, Deacon Blanchette will call to arrange a meeting.

New Britain Council of Catholic Women

The March meeting of the New Britain Council of Catholic Women will take place on **March 30th at 1:00 PM** at St. Jerome Church (1010 Slater Rd.). We will have our regular business meeting and a speaker. Please bring a friend. Refreshments will follow.



St. Joseph's Medal

Archbishop Blair has informed our parish that he will present the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation to **Maureen Lyons** at the annual St. Joseph Medal Ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Maureen is a long time parishioner of Annunciation and serves as a lector, coordinator of lectors for Holy Spirit, a trustee of the parish and a member of the finance committee. She continually offers her assistance to the parish in so many ways and always with a calming and pleasant demeanor. Please thank her when you see her and offer your congratulations.

The ceremony is open to the public, so please come to the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19.

Holy Communion, The Source and Summit of Our Faith

A very important ministry in the Church today is assisting the priests and deacons to distribute Holy Communion to the faithful. This assistance is of the greatest importance for those who are homebound or who are confined to a nursing home or rehab facility.

This is an invitation to active parishioners who would like to be involved in this important ministry. If you would like to learn more about this ministry please email Fr. Morgewicz at fr.morgewicz@aohct.org.

This bulletin announcement is also a request for current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to do two things.

First, if you currently bring Holy Communion to someone on a regular basis please write down your name and phone number and the name and phone number of the communicant with the schedule of visit (once a week, once a month, etc.) and give that list to a priest after Mass or drop it into the any collection basket. The reason for this is to see who is receiving Communion and who needs Communion if the minister is sick or unable to visit the homebound parishioner. If you would like to email the information please send it to Fr. Joseph at frjoseph@annunciationnewington.com.

Second, if you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and you would like to bring Holy Communion to the homebound (which we need your help very badly) please write that down and give that to a priest after Mass or place it in the collection basket. If you would like to email the information please send it to Fr. Joseph at: frjoseph@annunciationnewington.com.

Thank you for your service to the people of God in our parish and bringing them the Blessed Sacrament for their nourishment both in their body and soul.



ANNUNCIATION PARISH SICK LIST

Let us pray for those who are sick, may they feel the healing touch of the Lord, especially:

Recent additions are in **BOLD** type. The sick list is posted weekly at church, and monthly in the bulletin.

Richard Albert
Diane Allaire
Helen Anderson
Albertine Anest
Sam Anest
MaryBeth Aparo
Josefina Astiasaran
Stephen Bailen, Jr.
Debra Barabault
Virginia Barber
Lana Bargnesi
Tod Barrett
Phyllis Battisti
Margaret Becker
Muriel Bendzinski
Cecile Berube
Dennis Berube
Jay & Dawn Bis
Kyle Bloom
Alice Bottigleri
George Bouliia
Ryan Bousquet
Kathy Brickshock
Victoria Bullock
Mark Butler
Janice Butterfield
Deborah Cacase
Anthony Caccavale
Robert Caccavale
MaryAnn Cahoon
Rena Calcaterra
Eileen Carey
Cecile Carroll
Dorothy Carso
Catherine J. Carter
Diane Carter
Tom Caruso
Geraldine Cashman
Carmelo Catania
Joseph Catania
Mary Beth Cenci
Ken Chickosky
Mary Cierpikowski
Tom Clark
Sandra Coakley
Luca Colangelo
Nick Colby
Timothy Collins
Elizabeth Concannon
Kathy Cote
Ronnie Crowe
George Csefai

Daniel Cyganik
Ed Czelazewicz
Pam Czelazewicz
Randy D'Amato
Bogdan Danielewicz
Jennifer Debigore
Bonnie Decordova
James Denno
Conrad DesJardins
David DeTuccio, Sr.
Irene DiFusco
Louise DiPietro
Stephanie S. DiVito
Iwona Domingue
Charles Donnelli
Jack Dooley
Dorothy Dube
George Dubiel
Donald Dumas
Elsie
Jimmy Fuska
Paul G.
Carol Gallicchio
John Gallicchio
Michael Gamache
Joseph Giguere
Carmella Giovannucci
Paul Glinski
Alan Godbout
B. Gail Gregory
Joseph Guillette
Michael Guillette
Rita Guillette
Cecelia Guyan
Fran Hannon
Helena Hansen
Karen Hayduski
Deb Hebert
Percy Hebert
Joanne Heckman
Sandy Hendstrom
Jo Henderson
Ronald Hirschthal
Neil R. Hogan
Donal Hurley
Jason I.
Paola Iapachino
Beverly Iskra
Betty Jacko
Sarah Jones
Kenneth Krzynowek
Lorraine Kulac
Wayne LaVertue
Gemma Leary
Jackie LeBrun
James Levesque
Karen Levesque
Yvette Levesque

Robert & Marie Levesque
James & Jaye Levitsky
Jeffrey Lombardo
Lucia Lorusso
Michael Lorusso, Jr.
Evaristo Loura
Joan Lucey
Rosemarie Manente
Jackie Martin
Enith Martinez
Miguel Martinez
Mary Ann McCusker
Lola McGhee
Erica McKenna
Rebecca Misko
Ryan Moran
Pat Morancy
Tim Murphy
Valentina Najfelt
Bernice Napierski
Joseph Olettie
Emily Ouellet
Isabel Ortiz
Jessica Palmer
Barbara Palombizio
Francis Patnoe
Vincent Pellegrini
Lou Pelletier
Margaret Pelletier
Laura Penta
Richard Perkins
John Piotrowski
Nicholas Pizzuto
Jean Poulin
Aldina Portal
Curtis Potter
Jane Pulcini
Betty Radomsky
Edward Radomsky
MaryAnn Rashaw
Darryl Reberio
Carolyn Record
Regina
Donald Reney
Linda Rho
Liam Ricard
Marie Richard
Greg Ripka
Louise Roberts
Ray Robidoux
Denise Rodzen
Carlos & Iris Rodrigues
Tom Rogers
Amber Rojek
Steve Rubbo
Mark Russek
Claire Ryan
Louise Sabo

Tom Samulenas
Sondra Sanford
Doris Sartori
Revathi Sasindran
Janet Schaeffer
Kathleen Shapleigh
Adam Sirois
Marianne Sisson
Patricia St. Jean
Nicole Stanhope
Maureen Steck
Bailey Stine
Ruth Solla
Christina Sousa
Gary Sousa
Tony Stensen
Marie Stover
Michael Sudol
Amy Sullivan
Cari T.
Kevin Thomas
Nathan Thomsen
Doris & Megan Torrey
Adam Trulsen
Donna Tuninsky
Joan Turgeon
Jeri Urban
Stacy V.
Michael & Patricia Valcko
Elyssa W.
Lynn Wamester
Marta Weingartner
Nicholas Wells
Howard White
Jo-Ann Wojtunik
Lucille Work
Charlene Wright
Paulette M. Wright
Mark Yaglowski
Brian Zaleski