SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10th, 2017

Saint Mary Church
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Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Times
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)

Confession
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Church of the Holy Spirit
183 Church Street
Newington, CT 06111
Phone: (860) 666-5671
Fax: (860) 666-9784

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Daily Mass Times
Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Confession
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Welcome To The New Annunciation Parish!
Uniting The Catholic Community of Newington * Established June 29, 2017

We extend a warm welcome to all new families/individuals. Our parish is nourished by your presence. We hope you feel at home here, and want to make Annunciation Parish YOUR parish.

Every family in the parish should be properly registered. New parishioners should register at the Parish Office. Single adults over 21 years of age should register separately from parents.

It is necessary to be registered to arrange baptisms, marriages, enroll in Religious Education classes, and to obtain sponsor certificates for baptism and confirmation.

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Rev. William Agyemang
Rev. Lawrence Bock, Senior Priest
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Sacramental Ministries

Baptism
To schedule a Baptism, please contact the rectory for an initial meeting and a parent preparation session.

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.

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Daly Notes...

Last year, I attended my first Christmas Concert at Saint Mary Church. The beautiful music was combined with sacred readings, which highlighted the mystery of the Incarnation. It was a great way to enter into the last week of Advent.

I hope you will join us on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 3:00 PM for the 7th annual Christmas Concert at Saint Mary Church. The concert will feature the adult choir, cherubim choir, teen choir, resurrection choir, and chamber choir.

Since our merger in June, I have been talking about our need to do things together. This is a wonderful way for our parish to join together as one, and celebrate the beauty and joy of the season.

Christmas Schedule 2017

Annunciation Parish offers several opportunities to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Saint Mary Church

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, December 24th
4:00p.m. & 10:00p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, December 25th
9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Church of the Holy Spirit

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, December 24th
4:00p.m., 6:00p.m. & 10:00p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, December 25th
9:00a.m., 10:30a.m. and 12:00p.m. Noon
Celebration of Baptism

Congratulations to the newest members of the church, who were recently baptized here!

Cameron James Plis
Dylan James Flint
Ava Kathryn Wojas
Lily Grace Wojas
Noah Perez

In Loving Memory

We pray for:
Sandra Kowal, Edward Sullivan
Dennis Horrigan, Paul Morin,
John "Jay" Dubiel, Father Paul Sciarotta,
Ralf Lang, Mary Donovan, and
Leo T. Hinkley, Jr.

And for the consolation of their families and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
let your perpetual light shine upon them.

During the week, please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are experiencing illness:

Ronald Albert  Elizabeth Concannon  Edward Marchand  Janet Schaeffer
Peter Arburr  Daniel D.  Eleanore Marchand  Jessica Schnur
Carol Arburr  Bonnie Decordova  Michael J. Marchand  Andrew Sorrentino
Lana Bargnesi  Thomas DeWolfe  Tim Murphy  Amy Sullivan
Michelle Bengston  Stephanie S. DiVito  Marie Oczkowski  Wayne Sullivan
Cecile Berube  Charles Donnelli  Judith O’Neil  Stacy V.
Kyle Bloom  Charleen Dortenzi  Earl Owens  Josie Vitkus
Rosemary Boccaccio  Thomas Gallant  Mary Packenham  Michael Valcko
Anita Botticello  B. Gail Gregory  John Piotrowski  Patricia Valcko
Donna Stapleton Bovee  Jean Grondzik  Aldina Portal  John Webster
Victoria Bullock  Joseph Guillette  Barbara Vernile Primeau  Paulette M. Wright
Theresa Bury  Joanne Heckman  Thomas Rasimas  Anna Yurko
Janice Butterfield  Jason I.  MaryAnn Rashaw  Dolores Zlotkowski
Rena Calcaterra  Beverly Iskra  Ronald Reney  Lori Zydanowicz
Eileen Carey  Philip Jarvis  Elaine Riccio
Peter Carey  William Jordan  Louise Roberts
Cecile Carroll  Yvette Levesque  Carlos Rodrigues
Richard Clarkin  Jeffrey Lombardo  Iris Rodrigues
Damon Clemow  Cynthia Marchand  Mark Russek
**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday Vigil Mass, December 9th, Second Sunday of Advent**

4:00p.m. Vito Summa, By Wife and Children

**Sunday, December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00a.m. Sebastiano and Carmellina Reale, Antonio and Rosa Sollima
By the Sollima and Bold Families
10:00a.m. Guy Carlone, 38th Anniversary
By his brother Cosmo
11:30a.m. John Jennings, By the Family

**Monday, December 11th**

8:30a.m. Marilyn Califano, 6th Anniversary
By the Family

**Tuesday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30a.m. Antoinetta DiNallo
By the Family

**Wednesday, December 13th, St. Lucy**

8:30a.m. Stefano and Gaetana Petrizzo
By their Son

**Thursday, December 14th, St. John of the Cross**

8:30a.m. Gratiniano Suarez
By Marco Suarez

**Friday, December 15th**

No Daily Mass

**Saturday Vigil Mass, December 16th, Third Sunday of Advent**

4:00p.m. Ernie and Beatrice Carrier
By the Carrier Family

**Sunday, December 17th, Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00a.m. Filomena & Alfonso Cotugno
By daughter, Gilda
10:00a.m. Domenico Pizzoferrato & Antonio LoNero, By Marisa and Fabio LoNero
11:30a.m. Carmello Sollima, 1st Anniversary
By His Wife and Family

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**Saint Mary Support**

**December 3rd, 2017**

Weekly: $ 6,374
On Line-Giving: $ 1,419
Monthly: $ 2,763

We are grateful to all who continue to support Annunciation Parish by your prayers and financial contributions.

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**Readings for the Week December 10th, 2017**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** 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

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Reflection - by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We all know the expression “the man of the hour.” In today’s culture, we should wisely add that there can also be “the woman” of the same. The dictionary tells us the phrase describes “a person in whose honor a gathering is held.” Or, “the person who is currently an object of public attention.”

A case can be made that the words fit John the Baptist as he makes his annual appearance in the Gospels of Advent. He is the scriptural version of an “advance man” for his cousin as the adult Jesus comes striding along the Jordan riverbank. John will shortly lose that “man of the hour” title when Jesus begins His unique ministry.

But St. Mark’s gospel section this weekend lets us pause to take a closer look at the Baptist for the short time he is before our eyes. Certainly he is an intimidating figure just for his wardrobe! And that diet of his! Ugh! Definitely he followed that for ritual purity and not for flavor. But above all, he was a humble man, whose prophetic role he saw as service to one greater than he.

Humility oozes from John’s every pore as you watch him never capitalizing on the admiring crowds. Instead he talks always of Jesus and practically urges his followers to turn to the Man from Nazareth. I believe that along with tremendous humility, John was blest with healthy self-awareness and control. Imagine a celebrity of our time urging us to pay more attention to someone other than themselves! As Jesus’ precursor, John had to know his role would soon be forgotten and gone like a fly in the wind.

Listen to him here again: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.” Humility is truth if nothing else. There speaks a humble man.

As we approach Christmas and its gift-giving, being humble may be the best choice of holiday behavior. Not going overboard with lavish gifts that make the deed really all about you. No excess drinking at parties just because the bottle is there and you feel like you deserve another. No spoiling the children lest they think the feast is about them and not the poor Babe in the manger. Showing a positive attitude at family gatherings.

Such would be the way of the man of the hour: John the Baptist. Always remember that despite dress and diet, we call him “saint.” As for his humility, here is a rather earthy description of the virtue that John just might like: “Humility is like underwear. We should have it – but not let it show!”
**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday Vigil Mass, December 9th, Second Sunday of Advent**
- 9:00a.m. James Giansanti, Sr., Birthday Remembrance, By his Family
- 4:00p.m. Ann Profetti, Birthday Remembrance
  By her Daughters

**Sunday, December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent**
- 7:30a.m. Theresa and William Burke, Anniversary Remembrance Mass
  By Kathy Lauretti & Joanne Tinkham
- 9:00a.m. Eric Edman, 3rd Anniversary
  By his Family
- 10:30a.m. Rose Marie Malec, By the Family
- 12:00p.m. Richard Vannuccini, 16th Anniversary
  By the Family

**Monday, December 11th, St. Damasus I, Pope**
- 9:00a.m. Theophilia and Adlino Rapoza
  By their Family

**Tuesday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- 9:00a.m. Marchand & Fortier Families
  By Lucienne Marchand

**Wednesday, December 13th, St. Lucy**
- 9:00a.m. James Giansanti, Birthday Remembrance
  By his Family

**Thursday, December 14th, St. John of the Cross**
- 9:00a.m. W.L. Bock, Birthday Remembrance
  By the Family

**Friday, December 15th**
- 9:00a.m. Albert Reney
  By his Wife

**Saturday Vigil Mass, December 16th, Third Sunday of Advent**
- 9:00a.m. Anthony and Jenny Rizzo
  By Albert Rizzo and Family
- 4:00p.m. Rose McCormack, 3rd Anniversary
  By the Family

**Sunday, December 17th, Third Sunday of Advent**
- 7:30a.m. Jen and John Patz, Richard E. Patz
  By Ed and Phyllis Patz
- 9:00a.m. Dorothy, Fred, and Harry Latham
  By the Giangreco Family
- 10:30a.m. Joseph Lucas, 5th Anniversary
  By Wife and Family
- 12:00p.m. Paula Peterson
  By Elliott and her Sister

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**Holy Spirit Support**

**December 3, 3017**

Weekly: $ 10,219
On-Line Giving: $ 1,435

We are grateful to all who continue to support Annunciation Parish by your prayers and financial contributions.

**Church of the Holy Spirit**

**New Mass Schedule**

Beginning January 6, 2018

**Saturday Vigil**
- 4:00 PM

**Sunday**
- 7:30 AM
- 9:30 AM
- 12:00 Noon

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**The Sanctuary Lamp**

This week is lit in loving memory of Raymond Petow, December 3-10, 2017, by Mrs. Lucille Petow. It will be the 14th anniversary of his passing.


**More Daly Notes...**

I have heard a few people talking about December 24th.

This year Christmas falls on a Monday, with Christmas Eve, of course, on Sunday evening. We have to plan a way to attend Mass once for Sunday and once for Christmas. Even though it means we “have to go to Mass” twice in a couple days, we are celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent (Sunday when we always go to Mass) and Christmas – the birth of our Savior. You are allowed to receive the Eucharist twice in one day as long as you attend Mass.

Since Christmas Eve falls on the fourth Sunday of Advent, you have to go to Mass twice. Here are some options to consider...

Option #1  
Saturday Evening and Sunday Evening

Option #2  
Sunday Morning and Monday Morning

Option #3  
Sunday Morning and Sunday Evening

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**2018 Calendars**

are available at the church entrances as you leave Mass this weekend. They are provided for us by the Duksa Funeral Homes (Newington Memorial/ Fissette-Batzner/Burritt Hill). They are beautiful, and so useful defining the holidays, the saints days, the church seasons of the year, and days of fasting and abstinence (meatless days). Please take one per household. Many thanks to the Duksa family, and wonderful staff, for this generous gift.

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**TAI CHI AFTER MASS TODAY 12:00PM**

Mr. Hoa Hguyen, a certified instructor of Tai Chi, will be available December 10th, after the 12:00pm mass, in the Father O’Connor Hall, to introduce and share with parishioners his knowledge, and skill of these valued exercise’s due to expressed interest.

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**“The Dog Ate It!”**

Due to an unfortunate mix-up, the early returned Christmas flower envelopes at Church of the Holy Spirit (through November 26) were inadvertently destroyed. All donations, however, were retained and recorded. The names of donors and/or living and deceased loved ones to be remembered were lost.

To ensure your intentions are correctly listed in our annual post-Christmas thank you, please re-submit the names “In honor of...” and “In memory of...”

These can be e-mailed to the Holy Spirit rectory (kim@annunciationnewington.com), or written on paper and placed in the offertory basket in the next two weeks, or you may use extra envelopes available at the Church entrances. Please print names clearly.

Thank you, and we are sorry for this inconvenience.
Religious Education Schedule - December 10, 2017

Kindergarten through Grade 6 classes meet today, Sunday December 10, 2017 at JWMS from 8:45AM – 10:15AM.

Grade 7 – 9 classes meet this week according to their schedule.

Grade 10 meets Sunday, December 17, 2017 for 12 Noon Mass then immediately to church hall for seminar with dismissal at 2PM.

March for Life, D.C.

January 18-19th, 2018!

Come Join Us!


The pilgrimage includes a bus trip to the Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and March for Life in Washington, D.C. The two-day bus trip and the breakfast with Archbishop Blair at the hotel will cost $110 per person.

Our guest speaker at the breakfast will be the Reverend Paul Scalia, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, and son of late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Father Scalia is a frequent speaker on matters of faith and doctrine and is the author of the book, That Nothing May Be Lost, published by Ignatius Press in 2017.

You are responsible for payment of your hotel stay. A block of rooms is being held for our group at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, in Alexandria, VA. Call Pro-Life Ministry at 203-213-5079 or 203-639-0833 for guidelines in making hotel reservations.

Come Join Us and be Pro-Life!

Vocations

Dec. 10th– Second Sunday of Advent

St. John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord. Who will proclaim him in this generation?

If you feel the call to proclaim the word of the Lord as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, call Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Telephone: 860-242-5573, e-mail: vocations@aohtct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Saint Paul Catholic High School

Open House

Discover why St. Paul Catholic High School has become the choice for more and more families for a truly great Catholic education experience! If you or someone you know has a prospective 6, 7, or 8th grade student, visit us at our Open House on Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. Tours of our building, meeting our faculty, and visiting our family are all part of our open house. WELCOME HOME! Pre-registration is suggested, but not required. To pre-register please visit www.spchs.com/admissions. Also, on Saturday, January 13, 2017 we will hold our Placement Exam for prospective 9th and 10th grade students. Visit our website for more information at www.spchs.com/admissions.
Starting December 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent, you’ll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life, and personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team members.

Sign up at BestAdventEver.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.” Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are February 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and July 6-8, 2018 in Manchester, CT.

For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit them at https://wwmectw.org/.

VISIT the Relics of Saint John Paul II
December 12, 2017
Saint Lawrence O’Toole Church, 494 New Britain Ave., Hartford, CT

8:00 AM Holy Hour
9:00 AM Mass In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe & Anointing of the Sick, presided by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Peter Rosazza
10:00 AM Veneration of Relics Confessions
5:00 PM Catechesis of Saint John Paul II By Msgr Plocharczyk

Sponsor of the Week:
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