

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Solemnity Of Mary, January I, 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

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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

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O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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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.

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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.

Epiphany: A Showing, An Appearance, A Revelation...

The solemn celebration of the Epiphany is celebrated in the United States on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th. This year, Epiphany is celebrated today, January 8th a Sunday before the official end of the Christmas season on the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, January 9. It is then that we return to Ordinary Time and that is why Christmas decorations are appropriately removed after January 9th.

The Epiphany comes from the Greek “epiphanein” which means a showing, appearance, or revelation. It was used to describe the appearance of a god among the people, a theophany, or a visit from some civil dignitary. The Greek-speaking Church in the east found it natural to use the word to describe the appearance of the true God in flesh.

For us today, the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation to the world of the newborn Christ as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world. Within the one feast we celebrate the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee. These three events are recalled as the Son of God is revealed to the world.

There is a wonderful video called “The Star of Bethlehem” that scientifically unlocks the mystery of the world’s most famous star. Producer Stephen McEveety (The Passion of the Christ) presents an amazing documentary on the Star of Bethlehem. The presentation explores the exciting truth of Scripture and reveals the evidence for God’s existence as seen in the stars above. The presenter, Rick Larson walks the viewer through biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of the celestial event as well as the vastness of God’s creativity. This video can be borrowed from Fr. Morgewicz or accessed online.

A popular tradition since the Middle Ages performed on the Epiphany is the blessing of homes with holy water. The ritual calls for a priest or parent to mark with chalk the inside of the main door with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year connected with crosses: 20+C+M+B+23. Another explanation of the initials (C,M,B) is that they stand for the first letters of the blessing: Christus mansionem benedicat (“May Christ bless this house”). What a wonderful tradition to begin in your own family for the parent of the house to take holy water (available from the Church in the Holy Water font) and preform the ritual. God Bless and may the manifestation of Christ, as honored on the Epiphany be demonstrated by you to the world each and every day of your life.

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11
or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31st, Seventh Day within the Octave of The

Nativity of The Lord

- 9:00 a.m. Krystyna Chapliniski, By Teresa, **H/S**
4:00 p.m. Rosa Zebedao, By Laura Mucciacciaro, **H/S**
4:00 p.m. Vito Summa, By Josephine Summa & Family, **S/M**

Sunday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God,

The Octave Day Of The Nativity Of The Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Matthew Chacko, By His Family, **H/S**
8:00 a.m. Salvatore Mangiafizo, By His Family, **S/M**
9:30 a.m. Tom Lineberry, By His Wife & Family, **H/S**
10:00 a.m. Mary Mitchell, By Her Family, **S/M**
11:30 a.m. Annunciation Parishioners, **H/S**

Monday, January 2nd, Saint Basil the Great, & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &

Doctors of the Church

- 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of The Rizza Family,
By The Rizza Family, **H/S**

Tuesday, January 3rd, Christmas Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Maurice Cattanio, By MaryLou McCue, **H/S**

Wednesday, January 4th, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

- 9:00 a.m. Nicola & Domenico Marcoffio, By Their Family, **H/S**

Thursday, January 5th, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

- 9:00 a.m. Manolita Tongson, 13th Anniversary, By The Family, **H/S**

Friday, January 6th, Christmas Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Anita Thebault, By Lorraine Webster, **H/S**

Saturday, January 7th, Christmas Weekday

- 4:00 p.m. Paul & Maria Messina, By Franco & Puba Niro & Family, **H/S**
4:00 p.m. Robert Trichka, By Lorraine Webster, **S/M**

Sunday, January 8th, The Epiphany Of The Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Margaret DiNunzio, 27th Anniversary, By Theresa &
Wayne Urbanski, **H/S**
8:00 a.m. The John Kurtz Sr. Family, **S/M**
9:30 a.m. Arline F. Hourihan, By The Annunciation Women's Guild, **H/S**
10:00 a.m. Antonio LoNero, By Salvatore & Lidia Colangelo & Family, **S/M**
11:30 a.m. Nora McIntyre, By The Swit Family, **H/S**



In Loving Memory **we pray for...**

Grace Palmer
Carmine Peluso

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

Parish Support

December 18th, 2022

Weekly: \$15,421
Online Giving: \$ 4,664
Total \$20,085

Eucharistic

Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm Tuesday
Evenings



PARISH CALENDAR, JANUARY 1, 2023

Religious Education

We wish you all a very blessed, happy and healthy New Year!

There will be **NO CLASSES on January 1st, January 8th and January 15th.**

Classes will **resume** on **January 22, 2023** at JWMS.

The Women's Guild will not have a general membership meeting in January 2023. The Executive Board will meet again on February 6th.

January 7th & 8th - Newington Food Pantry Collection at the main entrances of both churches

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.

Newington Food Pantry Collection

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

Annunciation Parish donated 654 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 January 7th and 8th at the main entrance of both churches. The collections are held the first 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.

The Annunciation Women's Guild

The February **general membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday,

February 14th, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall. The evenings presentation will be about AARP.

Mass Cancellation Policy During Inclement Weather

Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. is canceled whenever the Newington Public School System closes for inclement weather. Sunday Masses (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses) are canceled whenever the Governor declares a travel ban, prohibiting or restricting the use of vehicles on the road.

This policy will eliminate the need to call the rectory to ask if there is Mass and serve as an easy way to announce our closing. Mass intentions will be satisfied by the priest celebrant at his private Mass in the event that a scheduled public Mass is canceled.

This policy is in place for a number of reasons. First is the fact that God has given each of us common sense and the gift of prudence, which should be employed at times of questionable weather. The second reason is the potential liability to the parish and third, adequate time is needed to clear and clean up after a snowfall. Cleanup, either shoveling or plowing is made more difficult if there are cars in the way or if cars and foot traffic pack down the snow onto the parking lot surface.



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		We meet EVERY
Be a better HUSBAND		THURSDAY @ 6:30PM-8:00PM
Be a better FATHER		Holy Spirit Parish Hall
Be a better DISCIPLE		183 Church St, Newington, CT 06111

"In us and through us may Christ Increase"