



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 3, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

626 Willard Avenue

Newington, CT. 06111

CHURCH OF HOLY SPIRIT

183 Church Street (No Mail Please)

Newington, CT. 06111

Confession

Friday: 8:30-8:50 am, HS

Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm, HS

Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am, SM

Mass Times

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday

9:00 am, HS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm, HS

Sunday Masses:

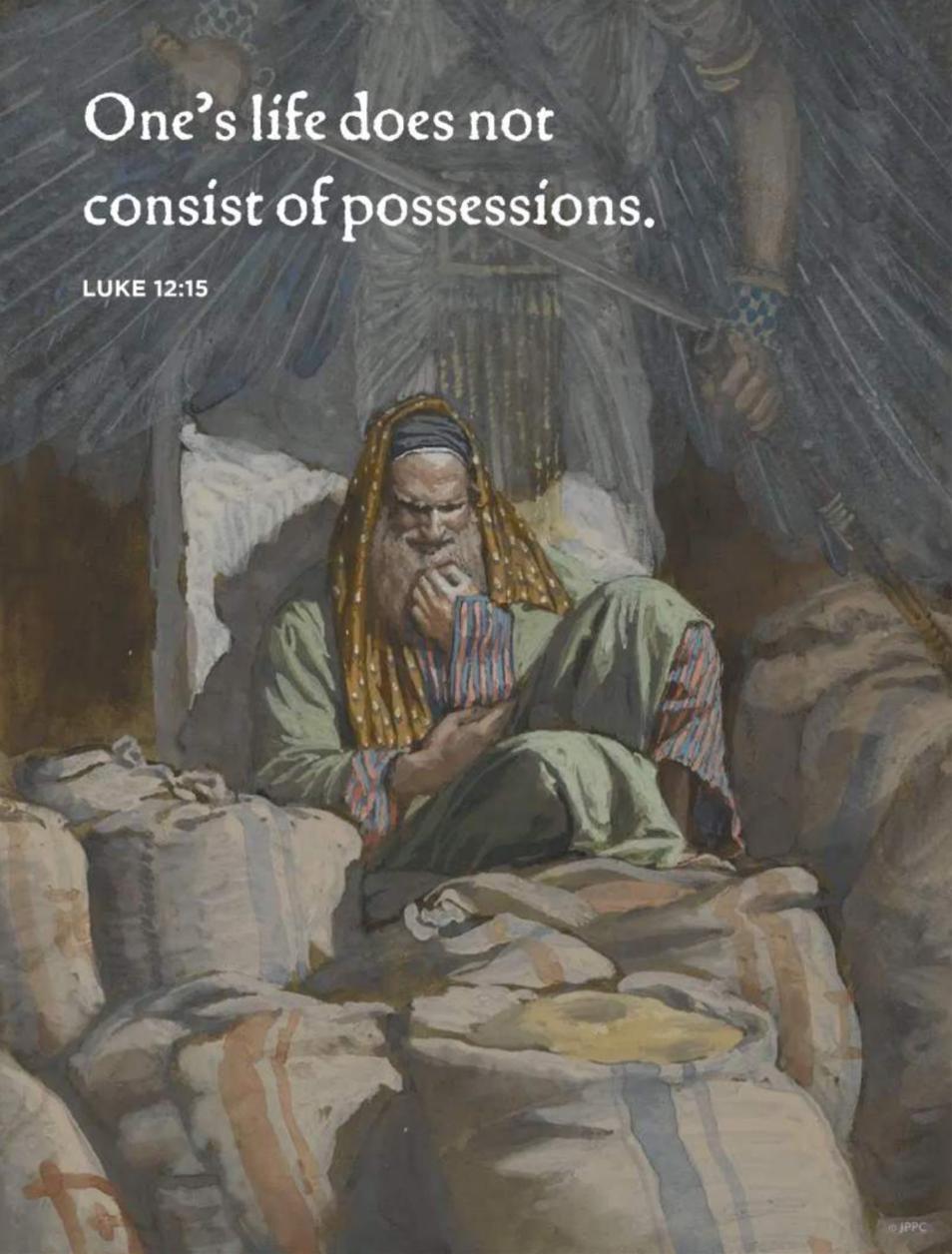
8:00 am, SM

9:15 am, HS

10:30 am, SM

12:00 pm, HS

Visit us on the web @
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One's life does not
consist of possessions.

LUKE 12:15

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through 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, please call the rectory at: (860) 666-1591.

Parish Priests

Rev. Janusz Kukulka, 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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 16:13-23

Friday Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51 Mt 17:14-20

Sunday Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 2nd, The Vigil For The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. James & Lorraine Behan, By The Family

Sunday, August 3rd, The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. John Discenza, By His Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Gilman & Norma Shaw & James & Roseline Seegobin, By Their Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Marguerita, Ed & Diane Gibbon, By The Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Maureen A. Steck, 1st Anniversary, By Her Family

Monday, August 4th, Saint John Vianney, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. No intention

Tuesday, August 5th, Weekday

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

Wednesday, August 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord

H/S 9:00 a.m. No intention

Thursday, August 7th, Saint Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs;

Saint Cajetan, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Marian Carluccio, By Her Godson, Dino Carluccio

Friday, August 8th, Saint Dominic, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Julian Pastor, By Dorio Pastor & Family

Saturday, August 9th, The Vigil For The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Mark Decker, By His Wife Laurel

Sunday, August 10th, The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Gaetano Rispoli & Gabriel, By Their Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. George Cocola, By Joanne, Catherine, & Theresa

S/M 10:30 a.m. Steffie & Joseph Kopczewski & Robert Kubish, Jr., By Their Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Wojciech Stenak, By His Wife & Childen



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Lora Larosa

George Oczkowski

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

Parish Support

July 27, 2025

Weekly \$9,287

Online Giving \$3,064

Total \$12,351

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 August 3rd-9th

For: **Joseph Abate**

By: His Wife & Family



Middle School Math Teacher Position

Corpus Christi School in Wethersfield is seeking a qualified, part-time middle school Math teacher. Responsibilities would include creating an engaging learning environment that fosters academic growth and develops students' mathematical skills. The candidate should be competent at instructing students in the Math curriculum and be able to assist students who may need additional support. Please call the school office to discuss this opportunity further at: **860 529-5487** or email asarpu@corpuschristischoolct.org.

PARISH CALENDAR, AUGUST 3, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **August 17th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, August 3rd @ both churches

The Prayer Shawl Group

meets the **third Thursday** of every month at **12:30 p.m.** at The Holy Spirit Church Hall from **September-June**

The Men's Club

...meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month, at **6:00 pm** in St. Mary lower Rectory. Contact: Tom Morris at (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 at: (860) 202-1612

The Women's Fellowship Group

...meets every Thursday evening from **6:30-7:30 pm** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Kim Marchetti at: (860) 202-0020

The Women's Guild

The Women's Guild Executive Board will meet on Monday, **August 25th**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **September 16th**. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

Please congratulate the following brothers: **Anthony** and **Samuel Banjo** who made their First Holy Communion at Saint Mary's Church on July 20th.

May God Bless you both!



The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Thank You

Thank you everyone for your generosity! In July we collected approximately **400** sandwiches, fruit cups, granola bars, cookies and pretzels for the Shelters in Hartford. The Shelters assist over 200 individuals daily, and are very grateful for our donations. The sandwiches are used for lunches, late-meals, walk-in's and outreach programs. Our collections are on the third Sunday of the month. The next sandwich collection is: **Sunday, August 17th @ 4:30 in the Saint Mary School parking lot.** Thank you for living your faith by helping others!



K of C Food Collection for Newington Food Pantry

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the Knights of Columbus Food Pantry Collection! This month, we collected a total of **360 lbs of food**. The **Newington Food Pantry** is deeply grateful for your continued generosity and support. Our next collection will take place on the **weekend of August 2 & 3**.

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. NO pet food please.



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

Sabrina Elizabeth Augello

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?

Luke 12:20

On the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, the readings call us to examine our values and priorities. They remind us to look beyond material wealth and focus on what is eternal.

Here are some key themes from this Sunday's readings.

- **The Emptiness of Wealth:** The first reading warns us that worldly riches and success can feel empty. It reminds us that only God can give lasting joy and fulfillment.
- **Setting Hearts on Heaven:** Paul encourages believers to seek what is above and keep their focus on God's kingdom. This calls us to prioritize spiritual growth over material concerns.
- **Letting Go of Greed:** Jesus' parable in the Gospel warns against greed and storing up riches. It shows that selfish desires can separate us from God and others.
- **True Security in God:** The readings remind us that earthly wealth is fragile, but God's love is steady and secure. Our security and peace come from trusting in God rather than possessions.
- **Living for Eternal Life:** Paul calls us to focus on eternal life by living in a way that pleases God. This theme reminds us that our actions should reflect our hope in heaven.
- **The Folly of Selfish Ambition:** The Gospel warns against putting our ambitions above God and others. It challenges us to use our blessings to serve and to help others.
- **Seeking Lasting Joy:** The readings call us to seek joy that endures beyond this life. True joy comes from our relationship with God and living according to His ways.

These themes from the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourage us to live with purpose and hope in God. They remind us that true happiness and peace come from placing our lives in God's hands.



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Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference 2025
New Location: Holy Cross High School, Waterbury, CT
Saturday, September 27, 2025 | 7:30 AM - Vigil Mass

Join us for a transformative day of faith with speakers Dr. Ray Guarendi, Father Anthony Federico, Michael O'Neill, and Father Jason Brooks. The day includes a **Eucharistic procession, Adoration, first-class relics, Confession, Exhibitors, Vendors**, and includes **lunch**. The day will culminate in **Vigil Mass with the Archbishop**.

For tickets, visit www.ctcatholicmen.org.

Annunciation Parish Women’s Guild 2025



Holy Spirit Church Hall
183 Church Street, Newington
Preview – Friday, September 12, 2025
\$5.00 Admission 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday, September 13, 2025
Free Admission 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

CLEAN AND

NEEDED

USABLE ARTICLES

SMALL APPLIANCES (WORKING CONDITION)
JEWELRY, HANDBAGS
GLASSWARE, CHINA, POTTERY
SMALL ELECTRONICS (WORKING CONDITION)
TOYS, LAMPS
SMALL FURNITURE OR PATIO
CLEAN PET ITEMS

SMALL HAND TOOLS
LINENS & CRAFT ITEMS
SMALL SPORTS ITEMS
POTS & PANS
KNICK-KNACKS
SUITCASES
SMALL SPORTS EQUIPMENT

NO TRUCK LOADS PLEASE

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
FURNITURE LARGE OR HEAVY
CLOTHING OR SHOES
INFANT SEATS, CRIBS OR HIGHCHAIRS
CHRISTMAS TREES OR LIGHTS
TELEVISIONS, MONITORS OR COMPUTERS
STUFFED TOYS
PLASTIC FOOD ITEMS
LARGE LAWN OR YARD EQUIPMENT
MUGS OR WATER GLASSES
PICTURES OR FRAMES
BOOKS, CD'S, RECORDS OR CASSETTES
UNSAFE OR HAZARDOUS ITEMS
BASKETS

DROP-OFF DATES LIMITED TO: 2 DAYS AND 2 EVENINGS ONLY

September 8, 2025 Monday 9 am – 2 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm
September 9, 2025 Tuesday 9 am – 2 pm and 5 pm – 7pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please text Lynn Lutz, Chairperson @ 860-604-6798 or email at lutz62511@gmail.com



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REMEMBERING

The Child We Love and Have Lost

23rd ANNUAL

CHERISH OUR CHILDREN WALK

Please join us as we walk in honor of children

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Newington Memorial Funeral Home
20 Bonair Avenue, Newington

12:00pm to Register — 1:00pm to Walk

(Rain or Shine)

Parents, relatives and friends who
have experienced the death of a child
of any age are invited to walk with us.

For more information,
please call 860-666-0600
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

AUGUST 2 - 8, 2025



Members of the St. Trofimenia Society of St. Michael Church carry a statue of the saint through the Wooster Street neighborhood of New Haven during a procession on her feast day.
PHOTO BY JOE PISANI



The St. Catello Society participated in the first procession in 70 years, along with other Italian-American religious societies from St. Michael and St. Anthony.
PHOTO BY JOE PISANI

Several hundred Italian-Americans marched in a procession three blocks long in honor of St. Trofimenia, a fourth century virgin martyr, whose statue was held aloft on a platform and carried through New Haven's Wooster Street neighborhood of Little Italy.

The procession, held on the saint's feast day, July 13, was sponsored by the St. Trofimenia Society and was preceded by a Mass at St. Michael Church.

It included a marching band, a Knights of Columbus honor guard and representatives from the St. Catello Society and other Italian-American organizations from St. Michael and St. Anthony churches, which are part of the Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in the Elm City.

David Kelley, one of the organizers, said it was the first time in 40 years there has been a procession for the saint, who is patron of Minori, Italy, and the first time in 70 years for the St. Catello Society.

Kelley, who is co-president of the St. Trofimenia Society with his cousin, Richard Biondi, says, "This is beyond belief. This is more than we ever anticipated or dreamed of doing." Only two years ago, the co-presidents revived the society, which was founded in 1908. It now boasts some 120 members.

"The Mass and procession mean a great deal to me and the members of the societies," Biondi says.

PROCESSION IN NEW HAVEN CELEBRATES CATHOLIC FAITH, ITALIAN-AMERICAN CULTURES

"For the older members to celebrate a Mass in Italian brings back cherished memories of their youth and family members who are no longer alive."

Biondi adds that the procession was also an opportunity for unity among the Italian-American religious organizations in the New Haven area and "an occasion to celebrate our Catholic faith, as well as our Italian-American culture and traditions." The procession included delegations from societies that honor St. Trofimenia, St. Catello, St. Anthony, St. Andrew, St. Anne and St. Maria Maddalena.

Father Joseph MacNeill led the procession and celebrated Mass in Italian earlier that morning. The priest, who is chaplain of St. Thomas More Chapel & Center at Yale in New Haven, traces his ancestry on his mother's side to the Abruzzi region of Italy.

"I'm here to continue to give witness to our passion, faith, culture and saints for the next generation of Italian Americans," he says. Founded in 1901, members of the St. Catello Society carried a statue of the ninth century bishop of Castellamare di Stabia, a city southeast of Naples.

Gene Avino, whose grandfather began the society to help immigrants from his home, says the group will celebrate its 125th anniversary next year.

The president, Paul Criscuolo, says there has been a renewed interest in Italian heritage and that 14 new members have enrolled, some of them from Ireland, Italy, California and Florida. Around the turn of the century, immigrants established Italian societies at St. Michael's, the oldest Italian church in Connecticut, to offer assistance to one another, honor their traditions and share their devotion to the patron saints of their hometowns.

According to tradition, St. Trofimenia was a young woman who was killed by her father for refusing to marry a pagan because she was Christian.

Kelley said the day was a testament to the enduring presence of Italian-American culture and faith.

"I grew up at St. Michael's Church as a child and spent a lot of time with my grandparents," he recalled. "I love our Italian traditions, so we hope this is a kind of revival."

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events



08/5 - 9/9 TUESDAYS 6PM
ROSARY WALK 2025 FOR WORLD PEACE
All Saints Cemetery, Main office,
700 Middletown Ave, North Haven

Join the Legion of Mary every Tuesday evening until Sept. 9th for a peaceful Rosary Walk for World Peace. This outdoor gathering offers prayerful reflection through the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. In the event of rain, the group will meet in front of the Mausoleum.

Please wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing. A limited supply of rosaries is available, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Prayer programs will be provided. Free parking available.

Questions? Call Barbara at 203-605-9845.
To receive updates, leave a message with your clearly stated and spelled email address.



10/13 MONDAY
2025 CONNECTICUT GOLF CLASSIC
The Hartford Golf Club, 134 Norwood Rd,
West Hartford

Join us for the 2025 Connecticut Golf Classic, co-presented by the Connecticut Catholic Foundation and Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Hartford. Individuals and foursomes are invited to enjoy a day on the course in support of a great cause.

Proceeds benefit the CCF grants program and Catholic Charities' Early Childhood Education program, addressing critical needs in Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven counties.

Register at: www.ctcatholicfoundation.org/2025-ct-golf-classic

Contact:
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David Sellery, Catholic Charities, 860-728-2564 or
dsellery@ccaoh.org

Bereavement Facilitators Enrichment Workshop

For those who provide pastoral care in parish setting.

Learn from Jennifer Siefert, author of *When Words Disappear*, how poetry can help the grieving process by tapping into a range of feelings – from sadness to despair to hope and healing.

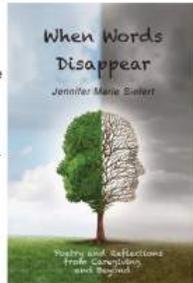
When Jennifer's mother was diagnosed with corticobasal syndrome, a rare, progressive brain disease similar to early-onset Alzheimer's, she wrote poetry to help her cope.

When Words Disappear is Jennifer's vivid chronicle of caregiving and grieving for her mother. Told through poems and reflections, it takes the reader on an intimate journey and beyond bereavement.

Join us

When: Tuesday, August 5, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Pastoral Center
467 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield, CT

Register by scanning the QR Code:



Schedule of the Morning:

- 9:00 a.m. - Check in and Coffee
- 9:15 a.m. - Author Presentation
- 10:30 a.m. - Catholic Teachings on Death with Fr. Dolan
- 11:15 a.m. - Bereavement Facilitator Discussion Panel

For more information, email Valerie St. Jean, Associate Director of Adult and Family Life Ministries: Valerie.StJean@aohct.org.



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Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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