



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 24, 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

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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

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O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 – Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mk 6:17-29

Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Mt 25:14-30

Sunday Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23rd,

The Vigil For The Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Norman J. & Alice E. Talbot, By Their Daughter
Denise & Grandson Austin

Sunday, August 24th, The Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Genevieve Grudzien, By Her Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Gilles A. Brodeur, 2nd Anniversary, By His Wife

S/M 10:30 a.m. Antonina, Giuseppe, Vincenzo & Alina, By Their Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Pietro Niro, By His Family

Monday, August 25th, Weekday & Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Grace & Normand Napert, By Their Family

Tuesday, August 26th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Jerry Griffin, By The Marchetti Family

Wednesday, August 27th, Saint Monica

H/S 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Regina Mundi,
By Her Friend

Thursday, August 28th, Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Yem Hoang, By Her Granddaughter

Friday, August 29th, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

H/S 9:00 a.m. Ernesto Rodulfo, By Lourdes Culling

Saturday, August 30th,

The Vigil For The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Joseph Beaulieu & Edward & Emilia Belliveau,
By Their Family

Sunday, August 31st, The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Hedwig & John Eselunas, By Their Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Giovanni Nappi III, By His Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Ralph Castellon, Sr., By His Wife & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Davide Tardif, By His Family

In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Joan Haefner

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

Parish Support

August 17, 2025

Weekly	\$9,707.00
Online Giving	\$3,210.00
Total	\$12, 917.00

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



PARISH CALENDAR, AUGUST 24, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **September 21st 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 welcome into our parish family, the following child who was recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

Noelle Genevieve Malinowski

To be baptized at Annunciation Parish, you must be a registered parishioner, reside in Newington, or have some tangible connection to our Parish.

The Peruvian Community from Chiquian will be holding a mass in honor of **St. Rose of Lima** on **Sunday, August 31st at 3:00 p.m.** at **Saint Mary's Church**. Following the mass, there will a procession around the church. It will be led by Father Carlos Zapata from Saint John Paul The Great Parish in Torrington, CT.

All are welcome to attend!



Religious Education Registration is now OPEN!

Classes for grades K-9 will not be on Sundays at John Wallace Middle School. Classes will be held at Holy Spirit and Saint Mary's twice a month during the week on an evening to be determined. We are transitioning to the Hartford Archdiocese Faith Formation program. Please visit the Annunciation Parish website for additional information by clicking on religious education and announcements. *On September 22, 2025, a meeting for parents and children will be held at Holy Spirit Church.

If you haven't registered your child in the faith formation class, please go to the Annunciation Parish website at: <https://www.annunciationnewington.com>

For more information, you may reach out to Deacon Jim Blanchette at: 860-729-5032 or deaconjim@annunciationnewington.com

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Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. Luke 13:24

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C offers rich readings that focus on themes of inclusion, humility, and God's call to all people. These themes encourage us to reflect on God's invitation to enter His kingdom and the attitudes we should cultivate to be part of His family.

- **Universal Call:** The readings remind us that God calls people from all nations to know Him. Isaiah speaks of gathering people from distant lands, showing God's desire for a diverse and inclusive family.
- **Discipline and Growth:** In Hebrews, we learn that God disciplines those He loves, like a parent guides a child. This discipline helps us grow in righteousness and peace.
- **Humility and Effort:** Jesus emphasizes the need to strive to enter through the narrow gate. This requires humility and effort, recognizing that salvation is not automatic but involves our cooperation.
- **Reversal of Expectations:** The Gospel warns that some who are last will be first and some first will be last. This teaches us not to be complacent or assume our place is secure without genuine faith and love.
- **The Importance of Listening:** Listening to God's word is crucial for entering His kingdom. Hebrews stresses the importance of hearing and responding to God's call with a willing heart.
- **Judgment and Accountability:** The readings highlight the reality of judgment. Jesus' teaching on the narrow gate reminds us that we will be accountable for our choices and actions.
These themes encourage us to live faithfully and humbly, recognizing God's call to all and the importance of our response. Reflecting on these messages helps us understand our role in God's plan and the importance of our commitment to Him.

Sometimes we
{must accept}
that God has
a better plan.

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The Women's Guild first meeting of the 2025-2026 year will be held on Tuesday, September 16th in the Church of The Holy Spirit Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. Our guest speakers for the evening are: Jill Kovalich, founder of Solo Agers Connect, and Fay deHass, owner of Kreative World Travel. They will provide a presentation on the growing number of Solo Agers, and the popularity of Solo Travel. They will also offer tips for safe solo travel and answer any questions. ***All women of the parish are invited to join the Women's Guild. Dues are \$10 for the year.**



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 SICK LIST

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

Ann & Richard Albert	Philip DesJardins	Jacqueline Levesque	Ray Robidoux
Helen Anderson	Conrad DesJardins	Karen Levesque	Denise Rodzen
MaryBeth Aparo	Rosa DePamphilis	Yvette Levesque	Carlos & Iris Rodrigues
Caroline B.	James Denno	Robert & Marie Levesque	Tom Rogers
Anthony Baggio	D. L. DeTuccio	Jeffrey Lombardo	Amber Rojek
Gianna Balducci	Doreen DeTuccio	Michael Lorusso, Jr.	Frank Rooney
Debra Barabault	Irene DiFusco	Evaristo Loura	Robert Roy
Lana Bargnesi	Louise DiPietro	Lou Ludwik	Mark Russek
Margaret Becker	Stephanie S. DiVito	David Magnan	David Russell
Cecile Berube	Vincent Donadio	Rosemarie Manente	Tristan S.
Dennis Berube	Donna	Jackie Martin	Shirley Sapita
Jay & Dawn Bis	Dorothy Dube	Enith Martinez	Doris Sartori
Kyle Bloom	Lorne D. Dube	Miguel Martinez	Revathi Sasindran
Alice Bottiglieri	George Dubiel	Denise Maraio	Janet Schaeffer
George Boulia	Erica	Shirley Massa	Wanda Seegobin
Ryan Bousquet	Nico Fazzino	Erica McKenna	Kathleen Shapleigh
John Brigham	Jimmy Fuska	Garrett E. Meagher	Marianne Sisson
Thomas Brigham	Gabriel	David Michaud	Ann Smith
Kathleen Brummett	Mary G.	Carla Michaud	Patricia St. Jean
Victoria Bullock	Paul G.	Rebecca Misko	Nicole Stanhope
Mark Butler	Michael Gamache	Ryan Moran	Bailey Stine
Christopher	Lorraine Giansanti	Bernice Napierski	Ruth Solla
Deborah Cacase	Joseph Giguere	John Niebwiecki	Christina Sousa
Anthony Caccavale	Carmella Giovannucci	Baby Nielsen	Gary Sousa
Robert Caccavale	Alan Godbout	Steve Olcott	Toni Sousa
MaryAnn Cahoon	Joseph Guillette	Joseph Olette	Tony Stensen
Skip Callahan	Michael Guillette	Emily Ouellet	Marie Stover
Salvatore Campaillo	Cecelia Guyan	Isabel Ortiz	Amy Sullivan
Eileen Carey	Pat Hale	Jessica Palmer	Christian Thomas
Cecile Carroll	Helena Hansen	Barbara Palombizio	Kevin Thomas
Dorothy Carso	Karen Hayduski	Vincent Pellegrini	Nathan Thomsen
Catherine J. Carter	Deb Hebert	Lou Pelletier	Agatha Tilford
Diane Carter	Joanne Heckman	Margaret Pelletier	Doris & Megan Torrey
Tom Caruso	Jo Henderson	Laura Penta	Adam Trulsen
Carmelo Catania	Ronald Hirschthal	Richard Perkins	Donna Tuninsky
Joseph Catania	Linda Horan	Lucille Petow	Joan Turgeon
Ken Chickosky	Donald Hurley	John Piotrowski	Stacy V.
Tom Clark	Beverly Iskra	Jean Poulin	William V.
Barbara Clinch	Jen	Aldina Portal	Abby & Daniel Valdesi
Sandra Coakley	Jodeen	Curtis Potter	Bill W.
Luca Colangelo	Jean K.	Jane Pulcini	Elyssa W.
Timothy Collins	Kate	Rose	Jennifer Wainwright
Elizabeth Concannon	Lorri Kirk	Carol R.	Lynn Wamester
Kathy Cote	Laura Kron	Francis Radomsky	Nicholas Wells
Ronnie Crowe	Kenneth Krzynowek	MaryAnn Rashaw	Jo-Ann Wojtunik
George Csefai	Lorraine Kulac	Darryl Reberio	Paulette M. Wright
Daniel Cyganik	Lucille	Carolyn Record	Mark Yaglowski
Pam Czelazewicz	Wayne LaVertue	Donald Reney	Lucy Zocco
Tad D.	Gemma Leary	Gina Reney	
Donald & Judy D'Amato	Jackie LeBrun	Michael Richard	
Nancy Davis	James Levesque	Louise Roberts	
Debbie			

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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Dear Parents,

We are filled with excitement as we prepare to launch our new **Family Faith Formation Program** this year! This will be an exceptional opportunity for families to grow in faith together and to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Our team is eager to partner with you in the beautiful mission of helping our children know and experience God's great love.

Here's how the program will work this year:

- **Monthly Family Gatherings** – During the first week of each month, families will gather together, with two options to choose from: **Monday evenings** or **Thursday evenings**. These sessions will include both parents and children. We'll begin as one large group before the children head off to age-appropriate sessions with catechists, **using the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* curriculum**. While the children are in their groups, parents will have the opportunity to explore the same Gospel message in a way that speaks to adult faith and daily life.
- **Faith at Home** – During the second and third weeks of the month, families will work through the Gospel Weeklies together and complete a short **Home Activity** designed to reinforce the faith concepts and help your family live out the Gospel in your everyday routines.
- **Family Mass** – The **last Sunday of each month** will be dedicated to our **Family Mass at Holy Spirit, at 9:15**. Families will be invited to take part in the liturgy and then share in a time of fellowship after Mass.

We genuinely believe this new approach will help strengthen both family life and parish life, drawing us closer to one another and Christ. Our faith formation team is looking forward to walking this journey with you and to getting to know each of you better as we grow together as a community of faith. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Deacon Jim at deaconjim@annunciationnewington.com or call him at 860-729-5032.

Deacon Jim

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

AUGUST 23 - 29, 2025



Blessed Michael J. McGivney set out to improve the plight of people he ministered to during the 19th century and bring people closer to the faith.
Painting by Antonella Cappuccio/Photo
COURTESY OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



People can invoke the intercession of Blessed McGivney at his tomb in St. Mary Church in New Haven, part of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. His remains are placed in a sealed, double bronze coffin within a polished granite sarcophagus at the rear of the church.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt recounts the life of Waterbury native son and priest Blessed Michael J. McGivney, whose patronal feast in the Archdiocese of Hartford was marked on Aug. 13. Blessed McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus, demonstrated how to live a life of service and faith. Pray for his intercession and for a second miracle that will lead to his canonization as a saint. Read more about Blessed McGivney in the upcoming issue of the Catholic Transcript.

These days, I am re-reading the biography of Blessed Michael McGivney. I am sure you agree that he shines as a champion of the Gospel's works of mercy. In Matthew 25:31–46, Jesus presents a powerful image of the final judgment, separating the righteous from the unrighteous based on acts of mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me," he says. This Gospel passage is not merely a list of good deeds, but a roadmap to holiness, a path that Blessed Michael McGivney, as an example to all, walked among us with quiet courage and deep conviction.

As many of us know, Father McGivney, born in 1852 in Waterbury to Irish immigrant parents, was a highly skilled yet humble parish priest

BLESSED MCGIVNEY: AN OUTSTANDING WITNESS

whose ministry reflected the corporal works of mercy through everyday acts. During a time when many Catholic families especially widows and orphans—faced social prejudice, economic hardship, and spiritual marginalization, he shared their pain, recognizing in them the suffering face of Christ. A bright man, rather than furthering his priestly career due to his many talents, Father McGivney dedicated his priesthood to being present, compassionate, and proactive in caring for his flock.

Founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882 serves as a concrete expression of this mercy that he had already demonstrated in his pastoral assignments in New Haven and Thomaston. He recognized the vulnerable position of Catholic men, many of whom died young due to harsh labor conditions, leaving their families destitute. The Knights began as a mutual aid society, providing financial and spiritual support to widows and orphans. In this initiative, Father McGivney reflected the very heart of Matthew 25: loving Christ in the "least" among us.

Moreover, his mercy extended beyond material assistance.

As a parish priest, he acted as a shepherd, offering counsel, encouragement, and sacramental grace to those who suffered.

He made himself available to his parishioners, as well as to the poor, the unemployed, and the young men tempted by crime or despair. His compassion was not sentimental; it was active, personal, and rooted in the Eucharistic love of Christ.

Today, the witness of Blessed Michael McGivney speaks urgently to our times. In a society marred by division, indifference, and isolation, he calls us to rediscover mercy as the defining characteristic of Christian life. His legacy is not confined to statues, museums, or badges; it lives on in every act of compassion inspired by faith.

To honor this local saint means to take seriously the words of Christ in Matthew 25, not only as a future judgment, but also as a daily calling. Blessed Michael McGivney shows us that holiness is possible in ordinary life and that mercy is the most reliable path to Christ.



Upcoming Events



09/5-7 WEEKEND
RETROUVILLE MARRIED COUPLES WEEKEND
 Hotel in CT (address given at registration confirmation)

Does your marriage get the attention it deserves in the busy world we live in? Could you use tools and support to make it a priority? Would you like that "loving feeling" back? Sign up for our upcoming weekend in September 5-7, 2025. www.tinyurl.com/mrypk8k or email us Connecticut-WMass@helpourmarriage.org
 We are happy to answer questions and provide further details.

Retrouville is a marriage help program that gives couples the opportunity to get away and examine their lives together. It provides couples with tools to improve their communication skills and rekindle their love. It also provides monthly opportunities for couples enrichment.
 It's never too late to build a fulfilling marriage.

18TH CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
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SEPTEMBER 27TH

Michael O'Neill | Fr. Jason Brooks | Fr. Anthony Federico | Dr. Ray Guarendi

New Location:
 Holy Cross High School
 Waterbury, CT

Vigil Mass
 with Archbishop
 Christopher Coyne

Spes Non Confundit
 "Hope Does Not Disappoint"

Homily
 by Bishop
 Richard F. Reidy

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27
 DOORS OPEN AT 7:30AM
 EVENT STARTS AT 8:30AM

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THE OFFICE OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP PRESENTS
THE HOUSING & HOMELESS CRISIS
BREAKING THE CYCLE

Join us for an informative and inspiring evening on the current housing and homelessness crisis, and learn how the Church and lay ministry can help restore dignity and break the cycle in our communities. The evening will conclude with a panel of experts answering your questions.

Tuesday, September 17
 6:30- 8:30 PM

St. Bridget of Sweden Parish
 175 Main St.
 Cheshire, CT

FEATURED SPEAKER: **JERED BRUZAS**
 Chief Impact Officer, United Way of Greater Waterbury

With over a decade of leadership in housing, homelessness, and community impact, Jered has worked on the front lines, helping individuals and families stabilize housing, gain financial independence, and access vital services. His work has shaped programs and policies that make a lasting difference.

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