



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Second Sunday Of Advent, December 8, 2024

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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

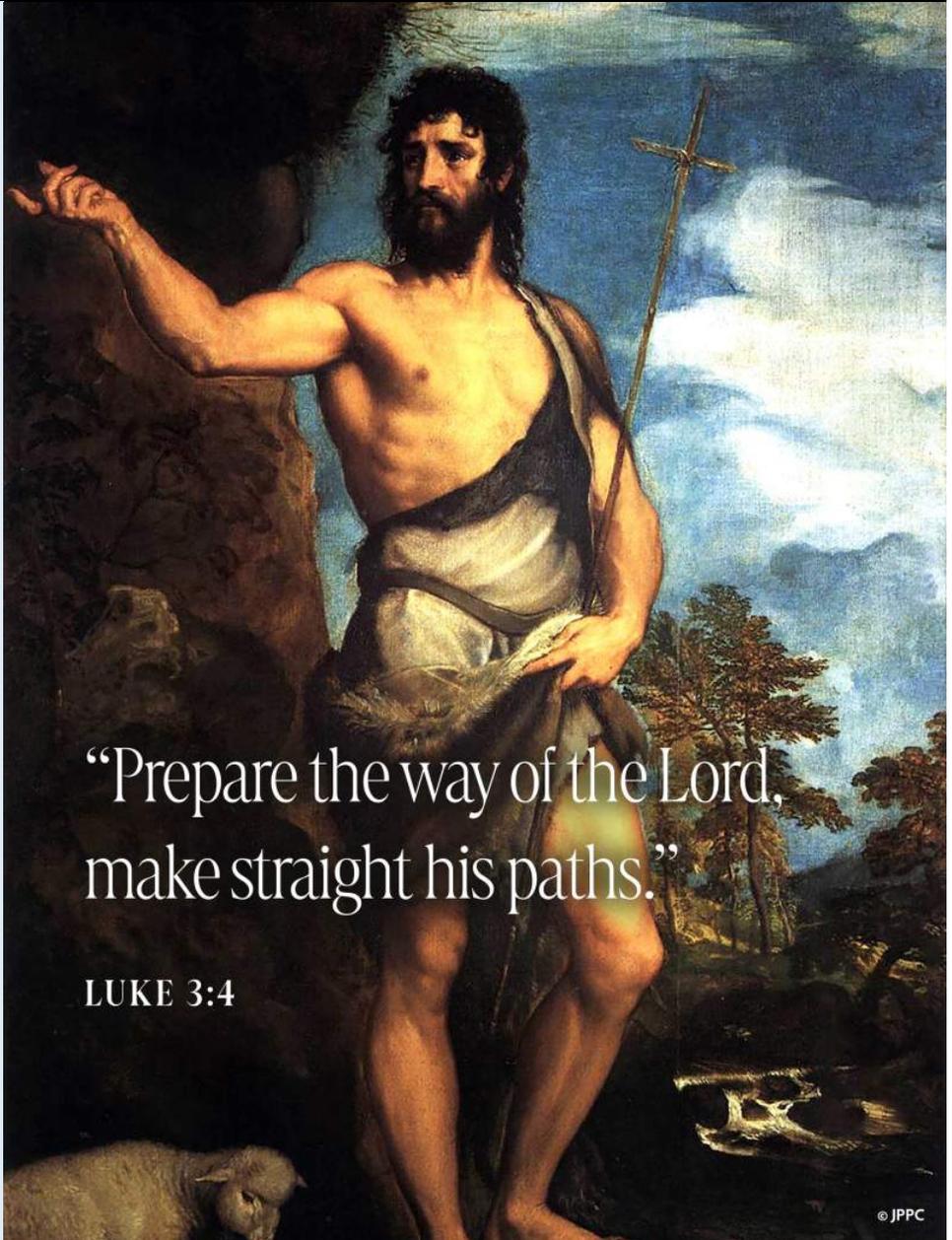
9:15 am, HS

10:30 am, SM

12:00 pm, HS

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“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”

LUKE 3:4

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Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heaven wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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.

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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 – Second Sunday Of Advent

Monday Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14

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

Thursday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jud 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

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 Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 7th, The Vigil For The Second Sunday Of Advent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Giovanni "John" Treviso & Deceased Family Members
By His Wife & Children

Sunday, December 8th, The Second Sunday Of Advent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Susan Hewitt, By Her Sisters
&
Emilia Pizzoferrato, By Her Son Antonio

H/S 9:15 a.m. Ann Profetti, Birthday Remembrance, By Her Daughters
S/M 10:30 a.m. Margaret & George Ciganik & Natalie & Stefan Rozewski,
By The Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Josefina Astiasaran, By Domingo Astiasaran & Family

Monday, December 9th, The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

H/S 9:00 a.m. Jacqueline & Tina Bolduc, By The Family

Tuesday, December 10th, Our Lady of Loreto

H/S 9:00 a.m. Maureen Steck, By Ellen Stannard

Wednesday, December 11th, Saint Damasus 1, Pope

H/S 9:00 a.m. Lindsey Pelletier, 1st Anniversary, By Her
Grandmother, Margaret

Thursday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe

H/S 9:00 a.m. Linda D'Hondt & Joan Trzasko, By Their
Friends at Sage Pond Place

Friday, December 13th, Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Katelyn Hebert, 35th Anniversary, By Her Mom & Dad

Saturday, December 14th, The Vigil For The Third Sunday Of Advent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Rose McCormack, 10th Anniversary, By Her Family

Sunday, December 15th, The Third Sunday Of Advent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Carmella Snyder, Josie Masi & Tammy Snyder,
By The Masi, Vasquez and Snyder Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Maria Piwowarska, By Her Son & Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Giovanni Carducci, Birthday Remembrance,
By His Wife Anna

H/S 12:00 p.m. Anthony, Albert & Jenny Rizzo , By Their Family

In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Ceil Jamialkowski

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

Parish Support

November 24, 2024

Weekly \$9,658
Online Giving \$3,190
Total \$12,848

Parish Support

December 1, 2024

Weekly \$10,176
Online Giving \$3,898
Total \$14,074

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



Archbishop Coyne has granted a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception to all the faithful on December 9th of this year. However, he strongly urges all Catholics to attend Mass on that day to honor the Blessed Mother and her Immaculate Conception and to see their attendance at Mass as a privilege to join in the liturgies of the Church on such a beautiful day of celebration. This mass will be held at Holy Spirit Church at 9:00 am.

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A Hundred Years of the Catholic Church in Newington:

Annunciation Parish is Blessed to have eight parishioners who have become Priests! Rev. Jordan Charbonneau OFM (1950), Rev. Joseph Vujs (1957), Rev. Robert Vujs, MM (1961), Rev. Daniel O'Connor (1961), Msgr. Frank Matera (1968), Rev. Joseph Gamba (1970), Rev. John Gatzak (1975), and Rev. Joseph MacNeill (2021). This column will focus on Msgr. Frank Matera.

Msgr. Frank Matera was raised in New Britain and attended Saint Maurice Parish with his parents and brother. In 1964 his family moved to Newington and became parishioners of St. Mary's Church. He studied for the priesthood at the University of Louvain in Belgium from 1964 to 1968 and was ordained June 29, 1968, in Louvain, Belgium. He returned to Newington and celebrated his first Mass at St. Mary's Church!

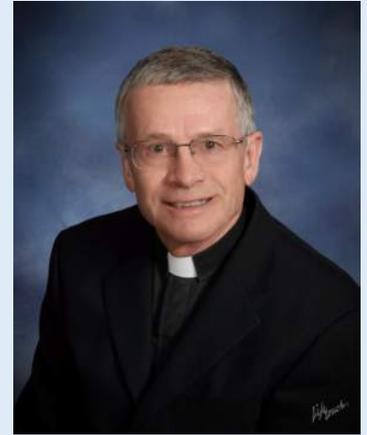
Msgr. Matera served at St. Margaret's Parish in Madison, St. Rose Parish in Meriden, St. Joseph Parish in New Haven, St. Thomas Parish in Southington, and was Pastor at Saint Mary's in Simsbury (2012-2021) before retiring. In addition to these assignments, he was Professor of New Testament at St. John's Seminary in Boston from 1982-87 and at the Catholic University of American in Washington DC from 1988-2012.

He has remained very active in retirement, teaching in the Archdiocesan Biblical School, assisting parishes with weekend liturgies, giving public lectures, and writing about the Bible.

Msgr. Matera's parents, Joseph and Bertha, lived in Newington for nearly thirty years, and during that time, he said the Funeral Mass for his father, aunt, and uncle at St. Mary's, and performed the wedding of his cousin at St. Mary's.

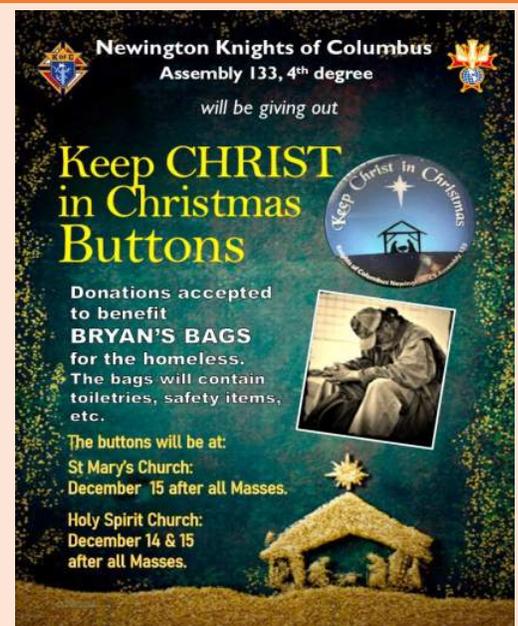
Several priests positively influenced his decision to become a priest, including Msgr. Anthony Murphy, the Pastor of St. Maurice, and Fr. Francis McGlynn, Assistant of St. Maurice Parish, and Fr. John Shugrue, Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in New Britain. After his ordination he was positively influenced by Fr. Thomas Lynch, former Pastor of St. Mary's Church.

His favorite saint is Saint Paul, and he spends a good part of his time studying, teaching, and writing about Saint Paul's Epistles.



Knights of Columbus Christmas Buttons

The Knights of Columbus Assembly will be giving out **Keep CHRIST in Christmas Buttons** to benefit Bryan's bags for the homeless. Donations will be accepted. The bags contain toiletries, safety items, etc. The buttons will be at: **Holy Spirit Church on December 14th**, and **December 15th**, after all Masses. They will be at: **St Mary's on December 15th**, after both Masses. Thank-you!



PARISH CALENDAR, DECEMBER 8, 2024

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **December 15th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

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 Guild

*There will be no Executive Board Meeting in January

Christmas 2024 Mass Schedule:

12/24, Christmas Vigils:

4:00 pm (Holy Spirit and St. Mary),
10:00 pm (Holy Spirit)

12/25, Christmas Day:

8:00 am (St. Mary's)
9:15 am (Holy Spirit),



***We are actively looking for volunteers to serve as a Eucharistic or Bereavement Minister for our funerals. If this is a ministry that you would be able to contribute your time and talents to, please contact Kim at: 860-666-1591.**

Thank you so much!



The Figures of Advent

The scriptures of Advent acquaint us with several key figures in the Bible. All of the prophecies of the season are

significant, but the ones that stand out come from Isaiah. The prophet Isaiah wrote 770 years before the birth of Jesus yet he foretells the coming of Jesus, (Is 11:1-10) "a shoot from the stump of Jesse, miraculously born to a virgin." Jesse is the father of King David, the greatest king of Israel and it is from the family line of David that Joseph is connected. As a result the prophecy comes true, the King of kings is born to the line of Jesse and it is Jesus. In his writings, the prophet Isaiah also gives the people hope. Hope is something we need in and out of the Advent season. There is hope that God will intervene in our difficulties (Is 64:1-4), God comforts Jerusalem and the glory of the Lord will be revealed (Is 40:1-5), and Isaiah even identifies Jesus by referring to him as Emmanuel, "God is with us."

John the Baptist is another key figure in the Advent readings during Mass. John the Baptist prefigures Jesus in many ways; mysterious events led up to both births, the two pregnant mothers visited and greeted one another and miraculous signs heralded the births of both children. John grows to preach about the coming of the Lord while issuing a call to repentance and then John suffered a cruel, premature death at the hands of an authority both intrigued and fearful of him. In birth, life, and death, John prefigured Jesus."

The third great figure of this season is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Advent includes two of her celebrations, the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Immaculate Conception on December 8th Mass celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Holy Spirit) and 12:10 (St. Mary) celebrates the belief that Mary lived completely without sin, even from the moment of her conception. God thus made her a worthy vessel to receive the Word made flesh. On December 12th the Church celebrates Mary's appearance to Juan Diego in Mexico, where she delivered her own message of deliverance and hope. In addition, scriptures of this season highlight Mary's life with the annunciation by the angel Gabriel, Joseph's encounter with an angel in a dream, the visitation to Elizabeth and Mary's saying yes to God in his plan for salvation.

Three important figures are highlighted in the Advent season, three people who show and live out salvation history, the history that we come to thank God for and celebrate with great joy and happiness at Christmas.

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The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B tell us of John the Baptist and his call to repentance. The first reading foretells the coming of John the Baptist. The psalm reminds us that the Lord is kind and just. The second reading encourages us to grow in holiness. And in the gospel, John the Baptist is baptizing people in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

- **Fulfillment of Prophecy:** The passage begins by referencing the prophets Isaiah and Malachi, indicating that John the Baptist's ministry is a fulfillment of prophecy. This theme underscores the continuity of God's plan as revealed through the prophets.
- **Preparation for the Messiah:** John's role as a forerunner for Christ highlights the theme of preparation for the coming of the Messiah. His preaching and baptizing in the wilderness were meant to prepare the hearts and minds of the people for Jesus.
- **Humility of John the Baptist:** John's declaration that he is not worthy to untie the sandals of the one coming after him illustrates his humility. It sets an example for the proper attitude of a servant of God, acknowledging one's own unworthiness in comparison to Christ.
- **Baptism as a Symbol of Repentance:** The act of baptism in the Jordan River by John symbolizes purification and repentance. This ritual act points to the inner transformation that is required for a renewed relationship with God.
- **Anticipation of the Holy Spirit:** John distinguishes his baptism with water from the coming baptism with the Holy Spirit by Jesus. This theme introduces the Holy Spirit's significant role in Christian life and points to the deeper, transformative work that Jesus will accomplish.

Transition from Old to New Covenant: John's ministry marks the transition from the prophetic tradition of the Old Testament to the new era inaugurated by Jesus. This theme reflects the shift from the law and prophets to the grace and truth brought by Christ.

Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program

Once again our parish can participate in the Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program. Our Seminarians have little or no earning power during their years of formation, but they still have personal expenses. Whether their need is gas to travel to parish assignments, an unexpected car repair, or maybe just enough black socks to get through the week, they can use a helping hand. Your assistance in helping them to meet their everyday expenses that occur, is a great sign of support for their generous response to God's call, affirming them in their desire to dedicate their lives to Christ and serve the faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford. If you would like to participate in this program, you can ask for an envelope from the priest after Mass or just hand in a gift card with a personal note of Christmas Wishes.



Thank you for your generosity!

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal, **Do This in Memory of Me**, helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the under-employed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2024 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need. The Appeal literature, can be found at:

<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>



The Women's Guild would like to thank: Jackie Gilligan and Jean Fuzie for co-chairing our recent Bake Sale Fundraiser, and all the members who donated baked goods and volunteered to organize and sell them. We especially thank all the parishioners who bought items and/or gave monetary donations. Your support of our fundraiser is appreciated!





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