



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

First Sunday Of Advent, December I, 2024

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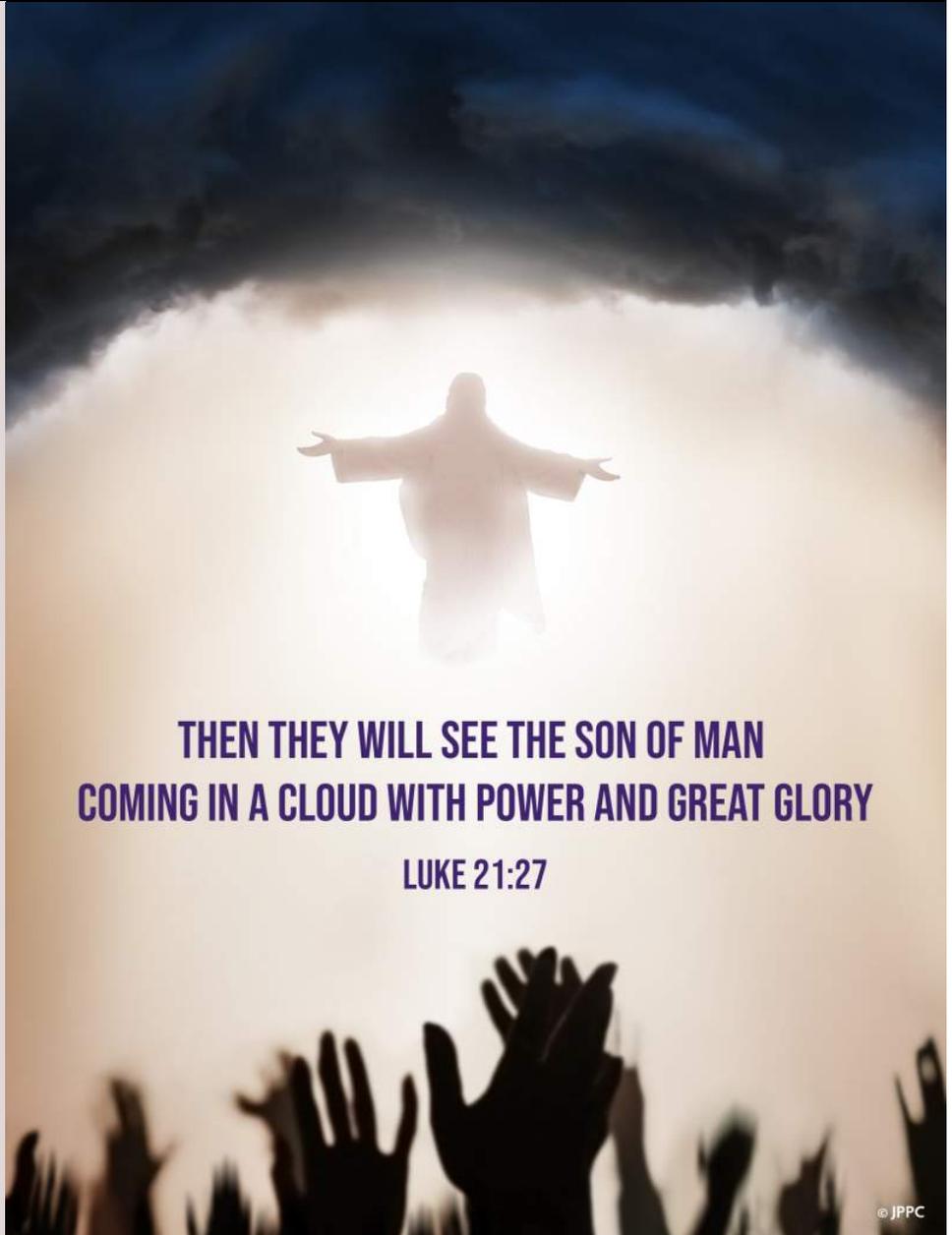
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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1, 2024

### 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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### 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* 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 – First Sunday Of Advent

**Monday** Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday** Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday** Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, November 30th, The Vigil For The First Sunday Of Advent**

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Anthony & Helen Kozakiewicz, Anniversary Remembrance  
By Their Family  
&  
Marie Kane McCarthy, By The Phelan Family

**Sunday, December 1st, The First Sunday Of Advent**

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Salvatore Mangiafico, By His Family  
**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Pietro Niro, By His Family  
**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Tony Armentano, 43rd Anniversary, By Gail & Ben  
**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Luigina Simone, By Carlos Simone & Family

**Monday, December 2nd, Advent Weekday**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Hamilton, By Jerry Griffin

**Tuesday, December 3rd, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Jean & Chet Lochowski, By Stephanie Marcaccio  
& Family

**Wednesday, December 4th, Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Francis DeLisa, By His Wife

**Thursday, December 5th, Advent Day**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Sanja Trifone, By Her Parents

**Friday, December 6th, Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Remy Martula, By His Wife & Children

**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

Collection Amounts will be posted in the next bulletin due to early deadlines.

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

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Holy Spirit Church**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development:**

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Please visit:

**www.usccb.org/nationalcollections** and click "How to Give" under "Resources".



**Congratulations to: Hudson Patz and Paul Stoppa on earning High Honors during the first quarter at Xavier High School!**

**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.**

# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

## **A Hundred Years of the Catholic Church in Newington:**

St. Mary mission church was blessed and dedicated on June 6, 1920 by Rev. William F Odell. Altar boys were recruited, an organ was donated by Mr. & Mrs. James Hall and a young teenager named Ann Stanton became the first organist with a choir to follow. This was only the beginning of many wonderful things to come for this fledgling parish. Two months after the dedication, on August 8<sup>th</sup> little Dorothea Agnes Buckley was baptized. On February 8, 1923 John Bambrick and Julia Connors were married by Father Odell.

In September 1924 it was announced that St. Mary's was being established as a separate parish on its own with Rev. Edward H. Shaughnessy assigned as its pastor. On September 29, 1924 John Ostrowski and Stella Sagen were married. On October 5, 1924 Wanda Grabowski, born August 28, 1924, was baptized by Fr. Shaughnessy. On July 4, 1932 Mr. & Mrs. John E. Sparkowski were married in the 1931 St. Mary's church. The parish flourished to the point where it was determined another Catholic church was needed for Newington.

So in 1963 land was acquired for what would become Church of the Holy Spirit. Again masses were held in temporary locations, at John Patterson School and down the street at a temporary chapel transformed from an old farmhouse. The first baptism held on September 13, 1964 in the temporary chapel was that of Susan Marie Byrnes with Rev. Edward Radzevich officiating. The first marriage took place on October 22, 1964 between John J. Clean and Constance A. Brzozowy. Dedication of the new church was held in April, 1967.

Since St. Mary's early beginning and the inception of the Church of the Holy Spirit in 1967, there have been approximately 4250 couples married and over 12,750 children baptized into the Catholic faith in Newington.



Mr. & Mrs. John E. Sparkowski, first couple married in the 1931 St. Mary Church, July 4, 1932



Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Guidotti, first couple married in the 1967 St. Mary Church, April 8, 1967



## **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.



# PARISH CALENDAR, DECEMBER 1, 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**

Executive Board Meeting: Monday, **December 2, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.**

## **The Knights Sandwich Ministry**

Thank you everyone for your generosity! In November we collected approximately 450 sandwiches and many bags of snacks for shelters in Hartford. The shelters are very grateful for our donations and they use these sandwiches for lunches, late-meals, walk-in's and outreach programs. Our collections are on the third Sunday of the month.

**Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, December 15th @ 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot. Please note, if there happens to be inclement weather on the collection date, the collection will be cancelled.

Safety comes first.

God Bless and Thank You for Your Generosity!  
Thank you for living your faith by helping others!

## **Advent and Sacred Music: A Message from the Parish Director of Music Mark Neumann**

Advent is about preparing our hearts for the birth of Christ. Musically we will begin each weekend with a different verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Originally in Latin, the song dates back to the 8th century: "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel!" These verses prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

Happy Advent!

*O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel*



## **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),



## **The Advent Wreath**

Probably the most popular tradition today in Advent is lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath in both churches and homes. This custom originated among the Lutherans in Germany in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century and quickly became popular in other areas. The tradition of the Advent Wreath came to America with German immigrants. It was popularized among Catholics with the liturgical movement in the mid-1900s.



The Advent Wreath, which may be of any size, is made of evergreens and has four candles, one for each week of Advent. There are either four purple candles with some designation for the third week of Advent or there are three purple candles and one pink or rose candle. Purple is the traditional color of the season, because of its penitential focus, and rose or pink is used to catch our attention, for on the third week of Advent we refocus our attention to the pending arrival of the Christ child.

The true symbolism of the wreath is light. Light increases, pushing out darkness week after week, until we get to the celebration of the light of the world coming into the world at Christmas.

Wreaths have always been symbolic of victory and glory. The basic symbolism of the Advent Wreath goes beyond this. It lies in the tension between darkness and light. It represents the long time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the light of the world.

Each year in Advent people wait once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, his historical coming in the mystery of Bethlehem, his final coming at the end of time, and his special coming in every moment of grace.

As we celebrate this season of prayer, repentance and preparation for the Lord, may we be blessed with His grace each day so that we can look at these weeks and see how blessed we are to appropriately prepare for the birth of our Savior. Happy Advent!

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## The Season of Advent Begins the New Year!

The season of Advent begins today, and along with it the new liturgical year. Advent, a word meaning “to wait for,” is a season that makes Christmas all the more meaningful. As Christians, we are encouraged to give due honor to the season of Advent as we wait for and prepare for the birth of Jesus. It is spiritually critical that the weeks of Advent do not get lost in the light of the more defined season of Christmas.

Advent, the season that struggles for attention, presents a very valuable question: “What am I going to do for Advent?” Will it be making a commitment to withhold Christmas decorations until the proper time (after December 17) or making an Advent wreath for the home. The four candles of the wreath allow one to move ever closer to Christmas with joyful anticipation. Another wonderful way to mark the days as we get closer to Christmas is to use an Advent Calendar. Maybe it is a family heirloom or one of the calendars that reveal a little bit of candy behind each door. Either way, an Advent Calendar moves us steadily towards Christmas.

A Jesse Tree shows many of the figures and events in the history of salvation. A Jesse Tree is a favorite for families with children as one emblem is added to the tree each day allowing the family to pray and learn about each item. Maybe it is service to others that mark an Advent custom. Service to a neighbor or organization is a very appropriate way to move closer to the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord.

Whatever your tradition is for Advent or as you start a tradition this year, doing something is important in this season of joyful waiting. When we mark the days of Advent we become united in the seasons purpose and honor the season. When this is done, the season of Christmas becomes all the more cherished and valuable to our spiritual lives.

Happy Waiting, Happy Advent!



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For questions, call or text, Jun Napuli @ 860-389-0109,  
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*Holiday Remembrance*  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

We believe that setting aside a time to remember our loved ones during the holiday season brings great peace and much comfort. This year we will again be holding our Holiday Remembrance program at both our locations.

During the remembrance we will be displaying a photo slideshow of the loved ones we are remembering. If you would like to share a photo for this year's video, please bring a picture to either funeral home location or email a photo (with your loved one's name) to:  
[liz@newingtonmemorial.com](mailto:liz@newingtonmemorial.com)

**All photos for the DVD must be received by Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.**

We invite you to bring an ornament to hang on our tree, or you may design an ornament at the funeral home before the program.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net) or call 860-666-0600  
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Please welcome into our parish family, the following child who was recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:



**Brian David Lukeski**

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