



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time, February 16, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

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Newington, CT 06111

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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 @
annunciationnewington.com

Behold
your reward will be
great in heaven.



O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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

fr.kukulka@aohct.org

Rev. Joseph Pullikattil, Parochial Vicar

fr.pullikattil@aohct.org

Weekend Associates

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Msgr. James Kinnane

Deacons

James Blanchette

deaconjimb@annunciationnewington.com

Bruce Thompson, Senior Deacon

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Mark Neumann, Parish Director of Music

neumn@hotmail.com

David Dyson, Organist

music.dyson@annunciationnewington.com

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DRE@annunciationnewington.com

Eliza Harris, Coordinator of Religious Education

CRE@annunciationnewington.com

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 – The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday Gen 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1+8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a+2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29+22-23 Mk 8:27-33

Friday Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 8:34 – 9:1

Saturday 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19

Sunday 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15th, The Vigil For The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Sisto J. Carroccia, 2nd Anniversary, By His Family

Sunday, February 16th, The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Joseph Hoan Nguyen, By His Family

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

S/M 10:30 a.m. Ermanno Frate, By His Wife, Daughter, & Son

H/S 12:00 p.m. Joan Harpie, By John & Margaret Rocco

Monday, February 17th, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

H/S 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Annunciation Parish

Tuesday, February 18th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Carol Macaluso, 1st Anniversary, By Her Cousin Paul & Family

Wednesday, February 19th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Fifi Astiasaran, Birthday Remembrance, By Her Family

Thursday, February 20th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Albert Revicki & Martin Furiel, By The Yurko Family

Friday, February 21st, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Annunciation Parish

Saturday, February 22nd, The Vigil For The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Angelo & Filomena Manocchio & Crist, & Antonia Colagiovanni, By Their Families

Sunday, February 23rd, The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Monse Rosado, By Her Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Judy Kozikowski, 1st Anniversary, By Her Family Catherine, & Theresa

S/M 10:30 a.m. Lucia Cerasani, By Her Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Linus W. Steck, 14th Anniversary, By His Family



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

David Durkin

Alba Giraldo

Edward Malinowski

And for the consolation of their family & friends.

Parish Support

February 9, 2025

Weekly \$7,368

Online Giving \$4,583

Total \$11,951

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 February 16th-22nd

For: **Bob Valorie**

By: His Family



***The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will have their first meeting for 2025 on: Thursday, Feb 27th at 1 p.m. in the St. Jerome Hall at: 1010 Slater Rd. This will be a planning meeting for the year ahead. Refreshments will follow. All women of the parish are invited. For any questions please call Marian Bekker at: (860)490-2064.**



Save the Date: May 3, 2025
The Annunciation Parish will be hosting
Comedy Night at St. Mary's School!

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

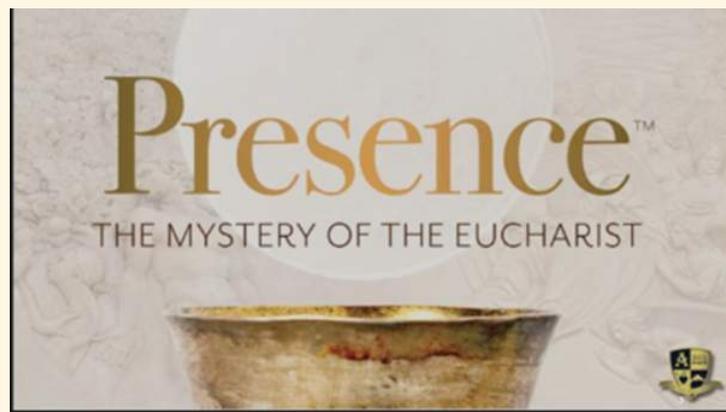
In my Love, Abide

Men's Retreat: February 21-23, 2025

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center – West Hartford, CT

Jesus calls us to remain in love as the branches remain with the vine for life and sustenance. We know that Jesus prayed often and taught his disciples to do the same. Pope Francis has named this year a "Year of Prayer." He described it as "a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world." We invite you to come and explore the depths of a life of prayer and learn ways to maintain the sacred connection to God through Christ, the true vine.

Conferences and workshops will be offered along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Celebration of the Eucharist. Register at holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats.



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is the “source and summit” of the Christian life. The Presence: the Mystery of the Eucharist, explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origin in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the Crescendo of the entire story of salvation. There will be one last short video based on the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and on Eucharistic Miracles followed by a short discussion on: **Thursday, February 20th at The Holy Spirit Church Hall at 6:30 p.m.**

PARISH CALENDAR, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **February 16th 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

The Women's Guild Executive Board

will meet on Monday, **March 3rd**. The **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **March 11th** at 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall. Following the business portion of the meeting, the evening will include musical entertainment. "Tom from The Elderly Brothers" will provide a fun musical program.



Annunciation Parish is very excited to welcome: **Deacon Jim Blanchette as our new Director Of Religious Education**. He brings spiritual knowledge and teaching experience to the children in our program. He supports the values of our community, is communicative, organized and collaborative. He has been our Parish Deacon for the last 9 years and has baptized many children at both Holy Spirit and St. Mary's Church. He looks forward to developing our children spiritually and witnessing their journey in making their sacraments.

Dear Annunciation Parish,

On behalf of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Hartford, I want to thank you and your parishioners so much for the generous Christmas gifts. It makes coming home for the holidays that much better for my brothers and I. Please pray for us and know of our prayers for you.

In Christ,
Kevin Healy

Seminarian of the Archdiocese of Hartford



Newington Girl Scout Troop 10509 and Saint Gianna Parish are working together to plan the vacation bible school. Join us for fun, games, crafts & snacks as we discover the bigness of God in the smallest of things.

Questions about the school and registration can be directed to Saint Gianna DRE's: Angela Baldi (860)748-8681 or Khoa Nguyen (251)259-0245

*Our parish will have our **First Friday of every month Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** immediately following the 9:00 a.m. mass at



Holy Spirit Church. We invite everyone to join in this special time of prayer and adoration as we honor the Sacred Heart of our Lord.

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C focuses on themes of trust, resurrection, and true happiness. The readings highlight the importance of relying on God and the hope found in Jesus Christ's resurrection.

- **Trust in God:** Jeremiah warns against trusting in human strength and calls for trust in God. True happiness comes from relying on God, not on ourselves.
- **Blessings and Curses:** Jeremiah speaks about the blessings for those who trust in God and the curses for those who trust in humans. These verses remind us to seek blessings through faith in God.
- **Resurrection Hope:** In 1 Corinthians, Paul defends the resurrection of Jesus. He explains that our faith depends on the truth of Jesus rising from the dead.
- **Eternal Life:** Paul emphasizes that without the resurrection, our faith is useless. The resurrection gives us hope for eternal life with Jesus.
- **True Happiness:** In Luke, Jesus teaches about the blessings of the poor and hungry. He contrasts their future joy with the sorrow of the rich and satisfied.
- **Warnings of Woe:** Jesus warns those who are rich, full, and laughing now. Their comfort is temporary, and they need to seek true happiness in God.

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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
 Helen Anderson
 Albertine Anest
 MaryBeth Aparo
 Caroline B.
 Anthony Baggio
 Gianna Balducci
 Debra Barabault
 Virginia Barber
 Lana Bargnesi
 Phyllis Battisti
 Margaret Becker
 Cecile Berube
 Dennis Berube
 Jay & Dawn Bis
 Kyle Bloom
 Alice Bottiglieri
 George Boulia
 Ryan Bousquet
 John Brigham
 Thomas Brigham
 Wayne Brooks
 Kathleen Brummett
 Victoria Bullock
 Mark Butler
 Deborah Cacase
 Anthony Caccavale
 Robert Caccavale
 MaryAnn Cahoon
 Skip Callahan
 Salvatore Campaillio
 Eileen Carey
 Cecile Carroll
 Dorothy Carso
 Catherine J. Carter
 Diane Carter
 Tom Caruso
 Carmelo Catania
 Joseph Catania
 Ken Chickosky
 Mary Cierpikowski
 Tom Clark
 Barbara Clinch
 Sandra Coakley
 Luca Colangelo
 Timothy Collins
 Elizabeth Concannon
 Kathy Cote
 Ronnie Crowe
 George Csefai
 Daniel Cyganik
 Pam Czelazewicz
Tad D.
 Donald & Judy D'Amato
 Nancy Davis
 Debbie
 James Denno
 Rosa DePamphilis

Conrad DesJardins
 Philip DesJardins
 D. L. DeTuccio
 Doreen DeTuccio
 Irene DiFusco
 Louise DiPietro
 Stephanie S. DiVito
 Vincent Donadio
 Donna
 Jack Dooley
 Dorothy Dube
Lorne D. Dube
 George Dubiel
Erica
 Nico Fazzino
 Jimmy Fuska
 Jean Fuzie
 Gabriel
 Mary G.
 Paul G.
 John Gallicchio
 Michael Gamache
 Lorraine Giansanti
 Joseph Giguere
 Carmella Giovannucci
 Georgette R. Gjerpen
 Alan Godbout
 Joseph Guillette
 Michael Guillette
 Rita Guillette
 Cecelia Guyan
 Pat Hale
 Helena Hansen
 Karen Hayduski
 Deb Hebert
 Joanne Heckman
 Jo Henderson
Jodeen
 Ronald Hirschthal
 Linda Horan
 Donald Hurley
 Beverly Iskra
 Jen
 Sarah Jones
 Kate
Harriel King
 Lorri Kirk
 Kenneth Krzynowek
 Lorraine Kulac
 Mark Lacic
 Wayne LaVertue
 Gemma Leary
 Cecile LeBrun
 Jackie LeBrun
 James Levesque
 Jacqueline Levesque
 Karen Levesque
 Yvette Levesque

Robert & Marie Levesque
 James & Jaye Levitsky
Sister Lisette
 Jeffrey Lombardo
 Lucia Lorusso
 Michael Lorusso, Jr.
 Evaristo Loura
Lucille
 David Magnan
 Rosemarie Manente
 Jackie Martin
 Enith Martinez
 Miguel Martinez
 Denise Maraio
 Shirley Massa
 Erica McKenna
 Garrett E. Meagher
 David Michaud
 Carla Michaud
 Rebecca Misko
 Ryan Moran
 Bernice Napierski
 John Niebwziecki
 Baby Nielsen
 Peter Niro, Jr.
 Steve Olcott
 Joseph Olettie
 Emily Ouellet
 Isabel Ortiz
 Jessica Palmer
 Barbara Palombizio
 Francis Patnoe
 Vincent Pellegrini
 Lou Pelletier
 Margaret Pelletier
 Laura Penta
 Richard Perkins
 Lucille Petow
 John Piotrowski
 Jean Poulin
 Aldina Portal
 Curtis Potter
 Jane Pulcini
 Carol R.
 Francis Radomsky
 MaryAnn Rashaw
 Darryl Reberio
 Carolyn Record
 Donald Reney
 Gina Reney
 Michael Richard
 Louise Roberts
 Ray Robidoux
Gordon Rodgers
 Carlos & Iris Rodrigues
 Denise Rodzen
 Tom Rogers
 Amber Rojek

Frank Rooney
Robert Roy
 Mark Russek
 Tristan S.
 Shirley Sapita
 Doris Sartori
 Revathi Sasindran
 Janet Schaeffer
 Wanda Seegobin
 Kathleen Shapleigh
 Marianne Sisson
 Patricia St. Jean
 Nicole Stanhope
 Bailey Stine
 Ruth Solla
 Christina Sousa
 Gary Sousa
 Toni Sousa
 Tony Stensen
 Marie Stover
 John Sudal
 Michael Sudol
 Amy Sullivan
 Thea
 Christian Thomas
 Kevin Thomas
 Nathan Thomsen
 Doris & Megan Torrey
 Adam Trulsen
 Donna Tuninsky
 Joan Turgeon
 Stacy V.
 William V.
 Abby & Daniel Valdesi
 Elyssa W.
 Jennifer Wainwright
 Lynn Wamester
 Nicholas Wells
 Howard White
 Jo-Ann Wojtunik
 Charlene Wright
 Paulette M. Wright
 Mark Yaglowski
 Lucy Zocco

February 27, 2025

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Holy Spirit Church Hall

OPEN TO ALL-NO CHARGE

Please Email or Text Angelo Marchetti at:
860-202-1612 or:

angelomarchetti2367@outlook.com

to sign up for the movie night – Name and
Number of People attending.

February 27, 2025
6:30-8:30pm
Holy Spirit Hall
Open to all - NO CHARGE





Branches on the Vine

FEBRUARY 8 - 14, 2025



PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Monthly calendar helps people develop ongoing prayers for men who answer God's call.

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

Anna Maria Dias calls herself a “prayer warrior” and welcomes others to join her.

For the past 10 years, she has designed prayer calendars which includes the names of priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. In addition, she designs a separate calendar each month for the deacons of the archdiocese. The calendars are distributed through email.

“I never heard of anyone saying they pray for priests,” Dias says. “The thought of praying for priests was foreign to me.”

The goal of the calendars, she says, is to keep the ministry of the priesthood and diaconate in everyone's heart and mind. “They see the struggles and everything the people deal with every day,” Dias says. “It's a lot of burden to carry.”

For the priest's calendar, a different name is printed in a square for each day of the month, with two squares always devoted to Pope Francis and Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne.

After some Connecticut parishioners heard about the Springfield prayer calendar, they contacted Dias and asked if she could produce one for priests within the Archdiocese of Hartford. She began the local calendar here in 2015. Shortly afterward, a calendar for deacons followed.

At the top of the calendar each month, Dias prints a prayer which expresses gratitude to God for priests who have answered the call to ministry. The February prayer reads:

“We thank you God, our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love, lead them to new powerful consolation of the Holy Spirit. Increase their profound faith in the sacraments they administer. Grant that your priests may inspire us to strive for holiness by their good example. Heavenly Father, guard your tender care upon these chosen ones, so dear to your infinitely considerate heart.”

A message from Father Gerald Fitzgerald, who founded the community of Handmaids of the Precious Blood in 1947, is also included on the bottom of the calendar.

His current message is: “Be not afraid! When the brief moment of your life is over, the great high priest will come to you and let you take your place in his heart; for what you did for his priests was done for him.”

Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations and Seminarians for the Archdiocese of Hartford, receives the priest calendar each month. “It's a beautiful gesture to take ownership of promoting vocations in the Church,” he says.

The Archdiocese of Hartford, he adds, is seeing an increase in vocations through several efforts including parish vocations committees, praying the Prayer for Priestly Vocations, parish holy hours and rosaries, the St. John Vianney Vocation Prayer Society and the priestly prayer calendar.

Dias says she is looking for more prayer warriors. “The more prayers warriors, the better,” she adds.

To be placed on the distribution list for the monthly prayer calendars for priests and deacons, email Dias at faithfirst@1791.com.

“Doing the calendar gives me peace to know I'm trying to help the priests with prayers,” she says. “It keeps my mind focused.”

Download the February calendars at www.archdioceseofhartford.org/catholictranscript.



Upcoming Events



02/9 SUNDAY 7PM
**YOUNG ADULT MASS W/
 ARCHBISHOP COYNE**
 St. Thomas Aquinas Church,
 46 Eagleville Rd, Storrs

All young adults, ages 18-39 are invited to attend the 7th annual Mass and reception.



02/12 WEDNESDAY 9AM
**PRAYER SHAWL & BABY BLANKET
 MINISTRY**
 St. Mary, Church Hall, 731 Main St,
 Branford

Prayer Shawl and Baby Blanket Ministry will resume meeting on the second Wednesday of every month from 9AM to noon. For more information, call Maria Batick at 203-488-7426.



02/13 THURSDAY 7PM
**"WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE &
 WHY?" STUDY GROUP**
 Our Lady of the Assumption, Church Hall,
 81 Center Rd, Woodbridge

Fr. Glen will lead a 6 week session covering the basic understanding of our faith. Join these one hour sessions to dive deeper into your faith! (Ends March 3rd)



02/12 - 3/19 WEDNESDAYS 10AM
SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY
 Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center
 194 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

Have you wished to make Lent more meaningful? Brennan Manning in his book "The Signature of Jesus" challenges us to live Christianity radically. Find out what it means to truly be a follower of Jesus. This is a powerful journey where only love can move us to change. (Six Sessions, Wednesdays 10-11:30 AM)
 To register either call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830
 or Email: cgrandpatricia@gmail.com
 or online at- www.sacredheartonthelake.org
 Suggested donation for each session \$10.00



FEB. - MAY. 6:30PM
DISCERNING HEARTS
 Hosted by the Apostles of the
 Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hosting several opportunities for women ages 18-35 who are discerning a call to consecrated life to meet the sisters at a tea, followed by a hour of adoration at several of the Archdiocese's parishes.
 Feb. 19, Avila House, Newington
 Mar. 19, St. Mary, New Haven
 May 21, St. Francis, New Britain
 Questions? Contact Sr. Colleen at 203-506-4653

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Presents:
An 8-Day Pilgrimage & Mission to the Dominican Republic!
 Led by Ivo Jaquez with Fr. Daniel Hackenjos as Chaplain
 May 31 - June 7, 2025

<p>WHAT'S INCLUDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground transportation to NYC airport • Travel insurance • Round trip airfare • DR tourist entry fees • Lodging • Daily Mass • Sightseeing • Breakfast and dinners 	<p>TRIP DETAILS</p> <p>Four Day Mission includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fusimaña Puerto Plata • Restoring a station of the Cross Trail • Visiting Santiago & Cathedral of St. James <p>Four Day Pilgrimage includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting the first & oldest city in the West • Hospital & University of America • Christopher Columbus Mansion & Family Chapel
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COST FOR PARISHIONERS: \$1,492.00 COST FOR GENERAL PUBLIC: \$1,620.00

Join us for an informational session Saturday, February 8,
 11:00 am at St. Jerome Church Hall or contact
 Ivo Jaquez at ivo@stfranciscatholic.org

BL. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PARISH

PAULINE BIBLE STUDY

Study the Letters of St. Paul with Fr. Joe MacNeill!

WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM
 ST. JOSEPH HALL

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 467 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002
 860-541-6491





Duksa Family Funeral Homes
Free Shredding Event

**COMING
SPRING 2025**

BURRITT HILL

332 Burritt Street – New Britain
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NEWINGTON MEMORIAL

20 Bonair Avenue – Newington
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

