



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

The Presentation Of The Lord, February 2, 2025

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

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## **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

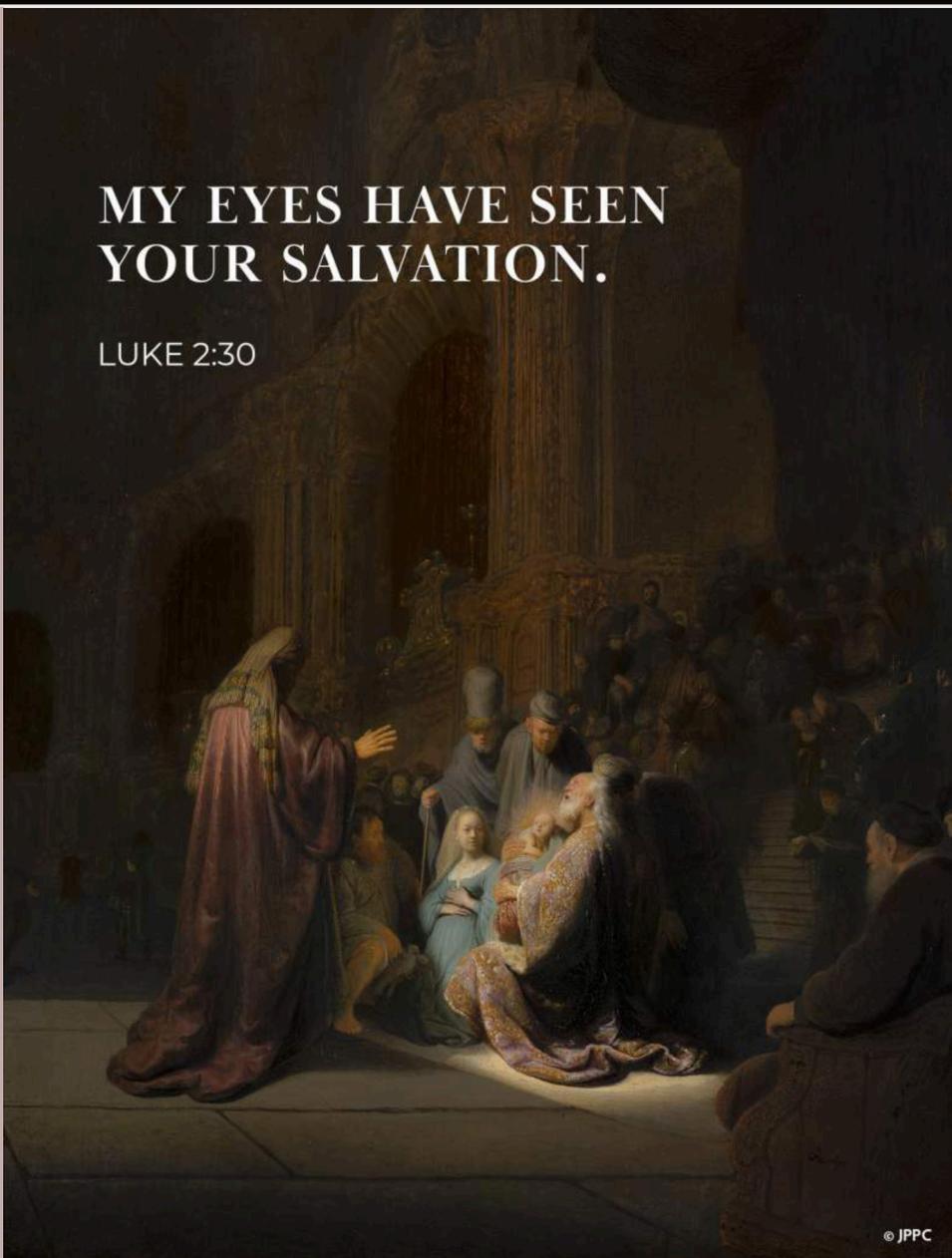
10:30 am, SM

12:00 pm, HS

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[annunciationnewington.com](http://annunciationnewington.com)

MY EYES HAVE SEEN  
YOUR SALVATION.

LUKE 2:30



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Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. 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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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

### 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

**Rev. Lawrence Bock**

**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

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music.dyson@annunciationnewington.com

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**Dolores Mihaliak**, Director of Religious Education

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CRE@annunciationnewington.com

### 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 – The Presentation Of The Lord

**Monday** Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday** Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 Mk 6:7-13

**Friday** Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 1st, The Vigil For The Presentation Of The Lord

H/S 4:00 p.m. Pietro Niro, By His Family

### Sunday, February 2nd, The Presentation Of The Lord

S/M 8:00 a.m. Clifton Paradis, Birthday Remembrance, By His Son

H/S 9:15 a.m. Andrew Wusterbarth, By His Grandparents

S/M 10:30 a.m. Timothy Costa, By The Annunciation Parish  
Women's Guild

H/S 12:00 p.m. Cynthia L. Violette, 5th Anniversary, By Her Husband

### Monday, February 3rd, Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr & Saint Ansgar, Bishop

H/S 9:00 a.m. Veronika & Fryolenyk Krech, By Their Daughter

### Tuesday, February 4th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Sara de Suarez, By Marco Suarez

### Wednesday, February 5th, Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Kerol & Markula Bogunina, By Their Son

### Thursday, February 6th, Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

H/S 9:00 a.m. Nicola, Domenico & Fortunato Santullo,  
By Mary & Joseph LoPreiato

### Friday, February 7th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Concetta Gulino Liistro, By Her Daughter &  
Son in-law

### Saturday, February 8th, The Vigil For The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Richard & Audrey Schaller, By Their Family

### Sunday, February 9th, The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of Annunciation Parish

H/S 9:15 a.m. Maureen Steck, By Patty & Don Patterson

S/M 10:30 a.m. Jane Mach, By Her Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Victor, William, & Viola DePamphilis, &  
Angelo & Angela Nicotera, By Rosa & Family



**St. Lucian's Residence (a senior living facility) in New Britain is seeking a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant). Duties include: Distributing Medication, Monitoring Vitals and Assisting with Bathing and Mobility Needs.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Shift (3:00<sup>PM</sup> to 11:00<sup>PM</sup>) four or five days a week. Please contact Mother Mary Janice at: 860-612-9066 for more information and details. Thank you!**

## In Loving Memory

### We pray for...

**Albertine Anest**

**Christine Brennan**

**Jaime Gallicchio**

**Beverly Matakaetis**

**Daniel Williams**

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

## Parish Support

### January 26, 2025

Weekly \$9,738

Online Giving \$3,839

Total \$13,577

## 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 2nd-8th

For:

**Rose & Robert Colgan**

By: Their Family



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## World Marriage Day 2025

The Archdiocese of Hartford's Wedding Anniversary Mass in 2025 will be on: **Saturday, February 15 at 4 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.** The mass will take place in conjunction with National Marriage Week, which runs from: February 9–15, 2025.

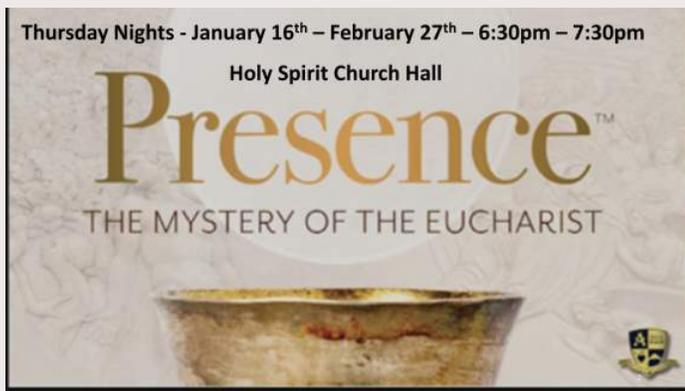


National Marriage Week is an international event that seeks to strengthen marriages in communities and influence the current culture. National Marriage Week is an opportunity for the Catholic Church to focus on and celebrate the vocation to marriage and family life. It is an opportunity for the Catholic faithful to renew and deepen the lived experience of the Sacrament of Marriage – and bear witness to God's call to love.

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, will bless couples celebrating milestone anniversaries.

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, or in increments from 5–60 years are invited to attend.

Couples celebrating anniversaries beyond 60 years during 2024–2025 are invited to attend.

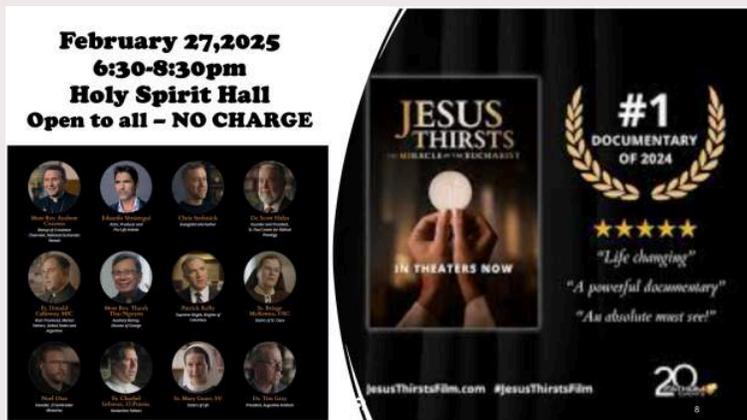


Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is the “source and summit” of the Christian life. The Presence: the Mystery of the Eucharist, explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origin in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the Crescendo of the entire story of salvation. Each week there will be a short video based on the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and on Eucharistic Miracles followed by short discussions. The final week- on 2/27, there will be a Movie Night: *JESUS THIRSTS* -The Miracle of the Eucharist that was shown in theaters.

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

[angelomarchetti2367@outlook.com](mailto:angelomarchetti2367@outlook.com)

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



# PARISH CALENDAR, FEBRUARY 2, 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, **February 3rd**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **February 11th**. Both meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are held in the Holy Spirit Church hall.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in many parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the

Light of the World. The feast is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas. It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God.

This event is rooted in Jewish tradition. According to the Law of Moses, every firstborn son belonged to God. Jewish parents were to bring their son to the Temple and offer a small sacrifice in thanksgiving. By bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph followed God's law faithfully. This act shows their humility and obedience to God.

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## Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact: Mary Higgins at (413) 552-7231 or email Mary at: [DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com).

Annunciation Parish is actively seeking volunteers to help with counting or substitute absentee counters every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. at The Saint Mary Rectory. If this is an endeavor you would be interested in helping us with, please contact Kim at: 860-666-1591. Thank you!



## FREE ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE

We have lots of parts. Send your broken rosaries in a **padded envelope** to: Betty & Dick Holden  
7930 Estero Blve. #502  
Fort Myers Beach, FL. 33931

Email: [holdenbnd@gmail.com](mailto:holdenbnd@gmail.com) or

Betty's cell #: 860-595-6370

Dick's cell #: 2394633993



They will be repaired and returned to you within the week of receipt. Donations of old and broken rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions.

**\*Include a note indicating this is a repair and return to me or this is a donation.**

Thank you!

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Anunciation Parish  
626 Willard Ave  
Newington, CT

Dear Anunciation Parish

I am writing to thank you for the generous donation of Gift Cards that you and your congregation provided CHR for the Holiday Season. We were able to distribute them to individuals and families whose resources are particularly limited. For many of these individuals, the Gift Card (s) you supplied made the difference between having nothing special for the holiday and the ability to purchase food for a special meal and/or a gift for themselves or their children. Many of our clients live in sustained poverty and the generosity and thoughtfulness of communities such as yours are so appreciated! Thankyou again for bringing joy to the clients we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Chayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne Chayes, LCSW  
Service Director, Residential and Community Based Services  
(860) 835-7235

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## **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

As a reminder, as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025, ALL Emergency Assistance and Burial Assistance requests will be reviewed, approved and processed through the Appeal Office. Forms can be found on the Appeal Portal [Portal | Archdiocese of Hartford](https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/portal/) or <https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/portal/>

**ONLY** requests approved and submitted to the Appeal Office by the Pastor/Parish Priests will be accepted for review.

Anyone looking for assistance **MUST** be a Parishioner, and vetted by the Pastor/Parish Priest or be personally vouched for by the Pastor/Parish Priest.

Funds, if approved, will **ONLY** be sent to the creditor; please include creditors contact and mailing information.

Applicants are eligible for a maximum of \$2,000 in an 18 month period. Please **DO NOT** direct people to call or visit the Appeal Office; progress on an application will only be discussed with the Pastor/Parish Priest – Applicants need to work directly through their Pastor/Parish Priest who submitted the application on their behalf.

Please be sure all forms are filled out completely prior to submitting.

All forms **MUST** be signed by the Pastor/Parish Priest in order to be considered.

Additional questions should be directed to Tina Poet in the Appeal Office.

If you have any questions, please call:

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Office at :1-800-781-2550

# Branches on the Vine

News from the Archdiocese of Hartford · February 1 - 7, 2025



## 2025 RESPECT LIFE MASSES AND MARCHES UNDERWAY



*Fr. Michael Ruminski offers a pro-life reflection on Jan. 20 to attendees at a Mass for Life at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Windsor Locks.*

For those who recognize the value of all life, the early months of the year offer many opportunities to publicly declare the sanctity and dignity of every human person.

On Jan. 19, Archbishop Coyne was the main celebrant for a Pro-Life Mass & Baby Shower Collection at St. Mary Church in New Haven, part of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Mass provided time for prayer and the chance to donate baby items for the Connecticut Pregnancy Resource Centers.

Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish hosted a Mass for Life on Jan. 20 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Windsor Locks. Father Michael Ruminski, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bloomfield, was the main celebrant and offered a reflection after the Mass. Prior to the Mass, pro-life advocates recited the rosary for life.

The 2025 National March for Life, set for Friday, Jan. 24 in Washington, D.C., is billed as the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world.

Although *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, Sister Suzanne Gross, program coordinator for the archdiocese's Respect Life Ministry, says it's important to keep marching. "We've changed the law but we haven't changed the hearts and minds of people," she says. "We'll still be making a statement. So that's why we go."

The Archdiocese of Hartford pilgrims leave from the Franciscan Life Center in Meriden on Jan. 23 to attend the Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Next day, they will enjoy a Mass at the Washington Plaza; a concert by the Christian band Unspoken at 11 a.m.; the rally at noon on the National Mall with keynote speaker Bethany Hamilton, a professional surfer who persevered despite her disability; and the March for Life at 1 p.m. to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Closer to home, the 2025 Connecticut March for Life is slated for March 19, and there's still plenty of time to register and sign up for buses.

The rally begins at noon at the Connecticut State Capitol, located at 210 Capitol Ave. in Hartford, followed by the march around Bushnell Memorial Park and along Main Street at 1 p.m. The Connecticut Pregnancy Care Coalition will also host a student sign-making contest between 11 and 11:45 a.m.

"The March shows the importance of what prayerful witness is all about. We're marching for the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves, and for humanity and the dignity of every human person," says Father Glen Dmytryszyn, director of the archdiocese's Respect Life Ministry. "With the inception of human life, all other rights follow. What else can we march for?"

Christopher Healy, executive director for the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, strongly recommends participating in the Connecticut March for Life. "Your attendance," he says, "will help send the message to lawmakers that we will not allow laws to be passed that do not respect God's greatest gift to us all."

**Before You Go:** For more details about the Connecticut March for Life, including a map, parking, buses from local parishes, and other events that day, visit [marchforlife.org/Connecticut](http://marchforlife.org/Connecticut). For more information on legislative matters from the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, visit [ctcatholicpac.org](http://ctcatholicpac.org).

The 2025 Connecticut March for Life is sponsored by the National March for Life, the Connecticut Catholic Conference and the Family Institute of Connecticut.

*Story by Shelley Wolf*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friday, February 7 at 6:00 PM

*Mass of Healing · St. John Paul the Great Parish, St. Peter Church, 99 East Main St., Torrington*

In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens – be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. YOU'RE NOT ALONE. Reconnect, find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ.

The evening begins at 6:00 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed immediately by the Healing Mass. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith. Remember, Jesus is still in the business of healing.

### Friday, February 7 - 9

*Rachel's Vineyard Weekend for Healing After Abortion · Litchfield*

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend February 7-9, 2025 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### Friday, February 28 at 4:00 PM & Saturday, March 1 at 9:00 AM

*Annual Used Book Sale · Church of Saint Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon*

Thousands of Books: Fiction, History, Biography, Politics, Music, Travel, Cooking, Sports, Religious, Vintage Books, Children's Books, DVDs, CDs, books on CDs, vinyl records, and puzzles. All proceeds support our Catholic High School Student Scholarships.

Friday, February 28, from 4-7 p.m. with a \$5 admission fee and Saturday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and no admission fee.

### Friday, February 14 at 6:00 PM

*St. Valentine's Day Youth Social (Ages 14 - 17) · Our Lady of Loreto Church, 12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury*

Father Jeff Gubbiotti is a skilled magician and juggler who uses his talents for the Glory of God. He will be entertaining us with his skills and guiding us to deepen our relationship with Jesus! Swing dance lessons, fellowship and more! Invite your friends!

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### SAVE THE DATE!

### October 19 - 29, 2025

Fr. Joe MacNeill will be leading a group of parishioners on a pilgrimage to Italy on October 19 - 29, 2025 that includes 5 days in Rome, 2 days in Assisi, and 2 days in Florence. For more details please contact Immacula Didier at [macdi64@gmail.com](mailto:macdi64@gmail.com).



*Archbishop's Annual Appeal  
Beer Tasting & Cocktail Reception*

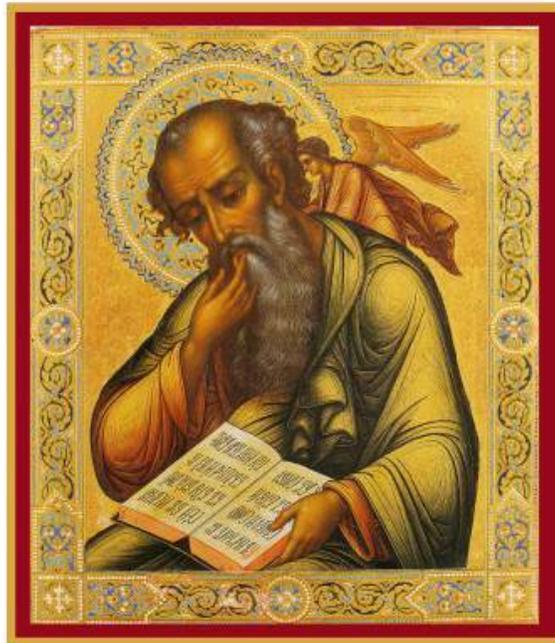
Friday, February 21, 2025 · 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT

Enjoy a casual setting with Archbishop Coyne while sampling local beers served with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.  
21+ · Please RSVP at [aohforms.com/beertasting](http://aohforms.com/beertasting)

THE OFFICE OF DIVINE  
WORSHIP PRESENTS

# Spiritual Workshop for Lectors

Join for a workshop focused on scripture, how to hear it, how to proclaim it, and how encounter Christ in the sacred liturgy.



Please contact  
Fr. Michael  
Ruminski  
to  
schedule a  
workshop  
at your  
parish!

The workshop includes:

- Communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours and Lectio Divina
- A discussion on the Word of God in worship
- An overview on how the lectionary is compiled
- Ways to deepen your spirituality as a lector and how to practically prepare to proclaim the scripture with understanding



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