



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time, February 23, 2025

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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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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LUKE 6:27



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Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is 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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# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 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**

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**James Blanchette**

deaconjimb@annunciationnewington.com

**Bruce Thompson**, Senior Deacon

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neumn@hotmail.com

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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 – The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Monday** Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday** Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday** Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday** Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50

**Friday** Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday** Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday** Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## Mass Intentions

### 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  
**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

### Monday, February 24th, Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Sam Naples, By His Wife & Family

### Tuesday, February 25th, Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Samuel Capparelli, Birthday Remembrance, By His Family

### Wednesday, February 26th, Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Jack Macdonald, 13th Anniversary, By His Wife Maryann

### Thursday, February 27th, Weekday

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

### Friday, February 28th, Weekday

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

### Saturday, March 1st, The Vigil For The Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Anthony Nobre, By Pearl Bouchard & Family

### Sunday, March 2nd, The Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of The Salvatore Family, By The Family  
**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Hedy Bokan, By Joan Grayson  
**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Thankful For Blessings & For Good Health, By The Emata Family  
**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Deacon Barry Skipp, Sr., 10th Anniversary, By His Wife & Family



## In Loving Memory

### We pray for...

**Carmela Giovannucci  
Arnold & Germaine Guyette  
Francelina Mazzatto  
John A. Russo, Jr.  
Mark Sean Tracey**  
And for the consolation of their family & friends.

## Parish Support

### February 16, 2025

Weekly	\$4,187
Online Giving	\$3,407
Total	\$7,594

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Holy Spirit Church  
6:00 - 7:00pm  
Tuesday Evenings**

## CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL GALA & AUCTION

Corpus Christi School is having their 23rd Gala and Auction on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. All are invited for a fun night out with an open bar, delicious three course meal and an exciting silent and live auction. Invite your friends and family and come celebrate with us! For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit: <https://givebutter.com/c/ccsgala2025> or call the School Office at: 860-529-5487



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

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## A New Year. A New Purpose.

### Would you like to be a Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteer?

Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, a faith-based home health care agency in Meriden, is seeking volunteers for its hospice care program. Becoming a *Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteer* is a rewarding opportunity to journey with someone in the latter portion of his/her life. Hospice care volunteers receive 16 hours of training that enables them to be present to others in a very special way supporting the individual and family through a difficult time. There is continuing education and support through monthly meetings as well as social events for the hospice volunteers throughout the year, Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteers provide a variety of services such as visiting patients, reading, sharing stories, praying or being a quiet presence for the patient or provide clerical support.

If you are interested in making a difference in someone else's life, consider becoming a Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteer, Contact BJ Raby at [braby@franciscanhc.org](mailto:braby@franciscanhc.org) or 203-238-1441.

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

 Most Rev. Andrew Cozzens Bishop of Colorado Chairman, National Eucharistic Revival	 Eduardo Verástegui Actor, Producer and Pro-GP Actor	 Chris Stefanick Evangelist and Author	 Dr. Scott Hahn Founder and President, St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
 Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC Worshipful, Meriden Catholic, United States and Argentina	 Most Rev. Thanh Thai Nguyen Auxiliary Bishop Diocese of Orange	 Patrick Kelly Supreme Knight, Knight of Columbus	 Sr. Brigid McKenna, OSC Sister of St. Clare
 Noel Diaz Founder, El Seminario Misionero	 Fr. Gabriel Gebasac, O.Praem. Northwest Fathers	 Sr. Mary Grace, SV Sister of St. Clare	 Dr. Tim Gray President, Aquinas Institute

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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 23, 2025

## The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **March 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**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **March 11th**. Following the business portion of the meeting, the evening will include musical entertainment. "Tom from The Elderly Brothers" will provide a fun musical program.

## Congratulations and Thank You!



Archbishop Coyne has announced that he has selected:

**Bob & Noella LaPierre** to receive the Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation from The Annunciation Parish.

**Bob & Noella LaPierre** have served for over 30

years at Holy Spirit Church through numerous ministries: Eucharistic Minister, gardener/maintenance for the grounds at Holy Spirit, and an active member and officer of The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild. We are very grateful for all that you both have contributed to our parish and we thank you, as does the Archbishop. Congratulations Bob & Noella!

\*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.

**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**

The readings for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teach us about mercy, forgiveness, and love. These themes show us how to live like Jesus in our everyday lives.

- **Mercy over revenge:** David shows mercy to Saul, sparing his life even when he has the chance to kill him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23). This teaches us to choose mercy over revenge.
- **Love your enemies:** Jesus tells us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us (Luke 6:27-28). This shows the radical love we are called to have.
- **Forgive and be forgiven:** Jesus teaches us to forgive others and we will be forgiven (Luke 6:37). Forgiveness is a key part of Christian living.
- **Generosity in giving:** Jesus encourages us to give without expecting anything in return (Luke 6:30, 38). This generosity reflects God's love for us.
- **Image of the heavenly man:** Paul explains that we are to bear the image of Christ, the heavenly man (1 Corinthians 15:45-49). We are called to live like Christ.
- **Judging others:** Jesus warns against judging others (Luke 6:37). We are called to show understanding and compassion.

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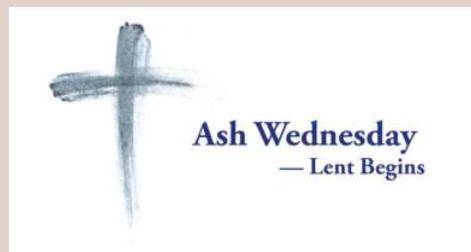
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## Ash Wednesday Schedule-March 5th:

**9:00 a.m. Mass and Distribution of Ashes: Holy Spirit**

**12:10 p.m. Mass and Distribution of Ashes:  
St. Mary Church**

**5:30 p.m. Distribution of Ashes: Holy Spirit Church**



## Preparation for the Season of Preparation!

During the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, the Church asks us to spend more time in intentional prayer, to fast and abstain from meat on designated days, and to practice charitable giving for the sake of others.

Recalling Jesus' forty day fast in the wilderness, we believe that our constant participation in these practices is a form of purification that deepens our spiritual center by stripping away all that is unnecessary and by reminding us of our sole reliance on God. Participating in a spiritual program during Lent allows us to celebrate the Easter Mystery more worthily and allows that celebration to build in excitement and anticipation.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence and all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence means eating no meat. Fasting means eating only one normal sized meal and two smaller meals not exceeding the size of the one meal and not eating in-between meals (no snacks). Those 14 and older are required to abstain from meat; those 18-59 are required to fast, except in cases of special medical conditions that prevent fasting.

The essential spiritual act for the season of Lent is to celebrate God's forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This soul saving sacrament is provided many times a week during Lent. The sacrament is celebrated every Saturday before Mass at Holy Spirit 3:00-3:50 p.m. and Friday morning before Mass at 8:30-8:50 a.m., every Tuesday during Holy Hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit and during the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at St. Mary at 12:10 and Holy Spirit at 7:00 p.m.

Please see the information below for a special gathering on Fridays before Stations of The Cross for Soup and Bread during Lent. The important thing is that everyone think about and begin a spiritual plan for this season of preparation. This special time of the year that is set apart, in order to be spiritually ready to enter into the great celebration at Easter.

## **Soup & Bread during Lent is Back!!!!**

Please come and join us for Soup & Bread every Friday during Lent starting at 6pm (Holy Spirit Hall). A different ministry from our Parish will be providing a meatless soup or soups and plenty of bread. Beverages will include coffee, tea and water. This is a great opportunity to grab something to eat before Stations of the Cross. Here is this year's schedule:

**Friday March 7th - Annunciation Men's Club**

**Friday March 14th - Knights of Columbus**

**Friday March 21st - Annunciation Eucharistic Ministry**

**Friday March 28th - Annunciation Women's Guild**

**Friday April 4th - Annunciation Men's Fellowship**

**Friday April 11th - CCD 9th and 10th Graders**

Please contact Jay Dumais at (860)836-8243 if you have any questions.



**KICKOFF WEEKEND: MARCH 1-2, 2025**  
**2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**



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# Branches on the Vine

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## ALPHA PROGRAM LEADS OTHERS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

- Story by Joe Pisani

When she was a student at St. John the Evangelist School in Long Island, N.Y., Diane Dinehart knew her Catechism inside out. But it took some time for her to develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

Today, as pastoral associate of St. Paul VI Parish in Hamden, she is working to help people have an encounter with Jesus through a program called Alpha, designed for those who are “looking for something more” on their spiritual journey.

“We’re trying to help people have a deeper relationship with Jesus that’s personal, which is what I was missing when I was growing up,” says Dinehart, coordinator of the program. “I didn’t understand that part, and I think Catholics in general don’t understand it.”

The 12-week course, with 90-minute sessions, has been a mainstay at the parish and has been taken by 30 million people worldwide. The series explores life and the Christian faith, with talks, videos and small-group discussions designed to engage and inspire conversation and foster personal growth in the basics of Christianity. The sessions are typically preceded by breakfast or dinners with fellowship.

“Alpha has something for everyone,” Dinehart says. “Even though it was designed for people who wouldn’t describe themselves as churchgoers, it attracts cradle Catholics. It awakens something in you, and it gives you something you never had before.”

During the sessions, participants consider questions like, “Who is Jesus?” “What is faith?” and “Does God heal?” Almost 500 people have been through the parish program since it began five years ago.

Midway through the course, there is a time-away segment, which is an opportunity for prayer.

“This lets them learn about the Holy Spirit and come away really on fire,” Dinehart says. “For a lot of Catholics, it’s a whole new experience because they have the opportunity to be prayed over and experience healing and peace.”

The parish priests, deacons, pastoral associates and ministry leaders of St. Paul VI Parish, which includes Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Blessed Sacrament, St. Rita and Ascension churches, have completed the program.

“Alpha has been such a success because we are blessed with so many people who are dedicated to the program,” Dinehart says, crediting the volunteers, the hospitality committee, support staff, group leaders and those who pray for the participants.

Gina, a participant says Alpha has helped me renew my faith in Jesus while learning new ways to pray.

Jerry, who participated in a previous course, says he signed up for Alpha because he was been looking for ways to renew and grow his faith in Jesus Christ.

This year, sixth graders in religious education are participating in a new youth Alpha program in the parish, along with their parents who are doing an adult version.

For more information about the Alpha program and the schedule, contact Dinehart at the parish office at 203.248.0141 or visit [hamdencatholic.org](http://hamdencatholic.org).



## Upcoming Events



03/6 - 04/17 THURSDAYS 6:30PM  
**LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES**  
 SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, St. Augustine Church, 55 Hopewell Rd, South Glastonbury

This FREE transformative series is designed to deepen your understanding of each Sunday reading during Lent. We'll examine the author's intended message, the relationship between the weekly readings, and their meaning for today's spiritual life. For more information or to register, please visit [www.isidoreandmaria.org/lentenscriptures2025](http://www.isidoreandmaria.org/lentenscriptures2025).



03/9 SUNDAY 3PM  
**SIGNS OF HOPE LENTEN SERVICE**  
 Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield

Join Christ the King Parish in this service, led by Rev. Nicholas Melo, honoring Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Hope, designated as a time for renewal as "Pilgrims of Hope." Created by parishioner Nancy Kiely, who holds a Master's in moral theology, the service features prayers linked to the eight pillars of the Jubilee Year, music by the church choir, and personal stories from eight pilgrims of hope sharing experiences on peace, life, poverty, illness, incarceration, youth, migration, and the elderly. Fellowship will follow in Father Crawford Hall.



03/7 - 04/4 FRIDAYS 5:30PM  
**FRIDAY FISH FRY**  
 Our Lady of the Assumption, Church Hall, 81 Center Rd, Woodbridge

Woodbridge Knights are serving fish fry dinners on three Fridays this Lent (March 7, March 21, and April 4). The cost is \$15 for fish and chips, \$7 for grilled cheese/gluten free option and French fries. Proceeds will support charity and parish needs including: OLOA Teen Mission Trip (March 7) Vocations support for local Seminarians and Postulants (March 21) "Build-a-Bed" event in June (April 4). Please support these worthy causes while observing your Lenten obligations and enjoying our wonderful OLOA community. If you wish to help with setting up, cooking, serving, or cleaning up, contact **Bill Fortin** (text: 203-565-4533, email: [wfort2000@yahoo.com](mailto:wfort2000@yahoo.com)).



03/19 WEDNESDAY 10:30AM  
**MASS FOR THE CT MARCH FOR LIFE**  
 Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford

Join us for Mass at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph before the Connecticut March for Life! After Mass, head to the rally at 210 Capitol Ave, Hartford at noon, followed by the 1 PM march.

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