



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time, January 19, 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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*Do whatever
he tells you.*

JOHN 2:5



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Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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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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 – Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Mk 3:7-12

Friday Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Sunday Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 18th, The Vigil For The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Lois Wankerl, 14th Anniversary,
By Her Husband Frank

Sunday, January 19th, The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. People of The Parish
H/S 9:15 a.m. Peter Jastrzemeski, By His Cousin Sharon
S/M 10:30 a.m. Mary Mitchell, By Her Family
H/S 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Brown, By Her Daughter Beverly & Family

Monday, January 20th, Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Ouseph Navallil & Celia Chacko, By Their Family

Tuesday, January 21st, Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Virgilio Pastor, By The Pastor Family

Wednesday, January 22nd, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

H/S 9:00 a.m. Yem Hoang, By Tien Vu, Granddaughter

Thursday, January 23rd, Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

H/S 9:00 a.m. Joseph Frank, 4th Anniversary,
By His Wife, Patricia

Friday, January 24th, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Grace Palmer, Birthday Remembrance,
By Her Children

Saturday, January 25th, The Vigil For The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Augusta Liss, By Her Cousin Judy Poglitsch

Sunday, January 26th, The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Walter Zdeb, Birthday Remembrance, By His Family
H/S 9:15 a.m. Laura Kron, By Sharon
S/M 10:30 a.m. Josephine Cianci, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild
H/S 12:00 p.m. Matilda Casasanta, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild



By assisting devoutly at Mass, we render the sacred humanity of Our Lord the greatest homage. He makes up for many failings and omissions. We should pray like this at the beginning of Mass:
“O Most just God, with contrite heart and steadfast hope, I lay my sins upon this sacred altar, in order that they may be consumed by the flames of Your divine Charity, purged away by the Precious Blood of Jesus, and fully atoned for by His infinite merits. Amen.”

In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Tina Caristia

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

Parish Support

January 12, 2025

Weekly	\$10,071
Online Giving	\$3,849
Total	\$13,920

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal Comes to a Close for 2024

The parishioners of the Archdiocese pledged more than \$9.6 million towards the 2024 Appeal! This generosity will help to support the various ministries of the Archdiocese and bring the light of hope and joy to those in need within our own communities.

Our parish goal was \$173,000. We collectively contributed \$162,272.98 from 591 gifts.

That is truly a great work of mercy. As always, thank you for the part you play in making the Archbishop's Annual Appeal a success!

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

A Hundred Years of the Catholic Church in Newington:

Pope St. Pius X said that sacred music is a way to "lift up the spirit to God". Music adds beauty to our liturgy and encourages us to actively participate in worship and prayer. Annunciation parish has been blessed by many talented men, women and youth who gave their time and talents in service to our parish music ministries. From the very beginning, in the 1920 tiny mission church on Mill Street, music was part of our worship services. At that time a small organ was donated to the mission church by Mr. and Mrs James Hall of Willard Gardens. Ann Stanton, a young teenager became our first organist, and soon after, a small but enthusiastic choir was established. When St Mary Church on Willard Ave was built in 1931, a new Reed Organ was installed. This organ had to be set in motion by alternately pumping the feet and working the keyboard. Ms. Stanton and the choir continued to serve the parish. Members of the choir included five children from the Battistone family who lived on the Berlin Turnpike. Reportedly the children would walk from their home to St Mary's church for choir rehearsal, singing all the way. The Reed organ was replaced in 1952 when a Wurlitzer electric organ was donated to the church. In 1968, when the current St Mary church was constructed, a new Austin Pipe Organ, with 39 "ranks" of pipes in 29 "stops" was installed. The pipe organ was built by the Austin Organ Company of Hartford and was blessed and initiated at a recital in 1968. Throughout our history Annunciation Parish has enjoyed adult and children's choirs, folk groups, youth choirs, chamber orchestras and individual soloists. We've had talented music directors, including our current director Mark Neumann and organist David Dyson. Below are a few photos of the many talented parishioners who led us in musical prayer. It takes time and dedication to be a member of our music ministries, so take a moment on your way out of mass and let our musicians, cantors, and choir members know how much we appreciate them.



St. Mary's Choir - 1974



Folk group accompanists



PARISH CALENDAR, JANUARY 19, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **January 19th 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

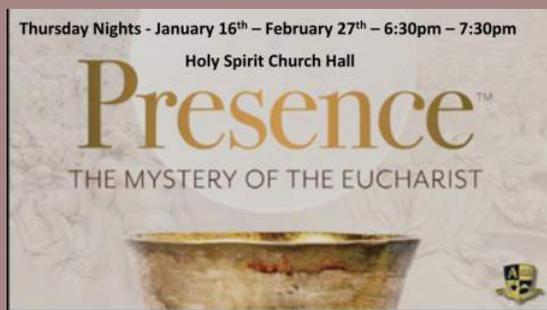
...meets every **Wednesday** evening from **6:30-8:00 pm** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Angelo Marchetti at: (860) 202-1612

The Women's Guild

*There are no meetings in January

Are you wondering if your child is on track academically?

You are not alone. Perhaps you'd like to consider some other educational options. Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a **Winter Open House** on **Sunday, January 26th** from: 12:00-1:30 P.M. at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Corpus Christi students benefit from smaller class sizes and personalized instruction as evidenced by their success on recent NWEA testing. 90% of students scored ABOVE their current grade level in the Language Arts/Reading portion of the standardized test. *Imagine how your child could soar!!* Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses PreK - 8th grade. To register, please visit our website: <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call: 860-529-5487



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually 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.

***We are actively looking for volunteers to serve as a Eucharistic Minister for our funerals at both Holy Spirit & Saint Mary’s Church. 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 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. New members are always welcome to attend any meeting!



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

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The First Fundamental Human Right...Right to Life

Though the first fundamental right given to citizens of our country is the right to life, our society has so eroded this constitutional provision that we now live in a “culture of death,” as named by Saint John Paul II some years ago. The United States Constitution makes it very clear that there is an unalienable right to life, meaning, a right given to us by the creator and therefore unable to be taken away by governmental laws but, this coming January 22nd will be the 52nd anniversary of the United States Supreme Court Decision, Roe v. Wade. That court decision legalized the direct killing of babies in the womb through the procedure we call abortion. It is estimated that since the 1973 decision, 63 million babies were aborted in our country.

On this sad anniversary we are reminded of the teaching from the Church: “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. *‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you’ (Jeremiah 1:5)*. Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable.” Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2270-2271.

Though the Court last year reversed the universal right to abortion individual states are now passing laws ensuring the right to take the life of a baby through abortion with some states making very extreme laws, laws that most never thought would ever happen. This is a reminder that even local elections for state office holders is important in establishing a culture of life, combating the current “culture of death.”

The Church has designated January 22 of every year as a Day of Prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The Mass celebrated that day can be for the preservation of peace and justice or for giving thanks to God for the gift of human life.

Prayers should be prayed and sacrifices offered often for the millions of people who have been murdered through abortion, those mothers and fathers who suffer from the physical, spiritual and emotional effects of abortion, those mothers currently considering abortion as well as prayers for our nation, that it will return to the respect it once had for every human person, that first fundamental right our Founding Fathers recognized as essential to a civil society.

May we be mindful of this grave moral injustice and pray or offer some other type of sacrifice, for the reparations for this grave sin. May our works and prayers move our society from a culture of death to a culture of life.



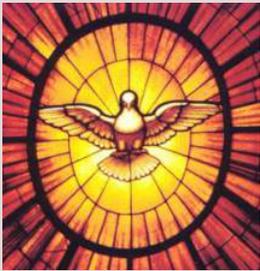
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C **Sunday January 19, 2025**

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C highlights the importance of recognizing God's work in our lives. The readings emphasize the joy, unity, and gifts we receive from God.

- **God's Promise of Joy:** Isaiah speaks of Jerusalem's new name and joy. This joy is a sign of God's love and faithfulness.



- **Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Paul explains that the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people. These gifts are for the good of the community.



Unity in Diversity: Paul teaches that though there are many different gifts, they come from the same Spirit. This shows the importance of unity in the Church.

- **Transformation through Christ:** The wedding at Cana in John's Gospel shows Jesus turning water into wine. This miracle is a sign of Jesus' power and care for others.
- **The Role of Mary:** At the wedding in Cana, Mary notices the need for wine and asks Jesus to help. Her role shows her care and faith in Jesus. She also acts as an intercessor for us.
- **Celebration of Marriage:** The wedding feast in Cana reminds us of the importance of marriage. It highlights marriage as a joyous celebration and a sign of God's presence.



The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C helps us see how God is present in our lives. It encourages us to use our gifts and celebrate the joy and unity God brings.

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE & BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

As a reminder, as of January 1st 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 any 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:

Branches on the Vine

News from the Archdiocese of Hartford · January 18 - 24, 2025



FIRST POSTER HIGHLIGHTING WOMEN'S VOCATIONS ACCOMPANIES SEMINARIAN POSTER

If you take a look around your parish or Catholic school, you may notice two large new posters pinned to the bulletin board or placed on easels, putting a spotlight on vocations. And if you do a double take, that's to be expected.

This year, to double its efforts highlighting vocations, the Archdiocese of Hartford is publishing two vocation posters: one for men discerning a call to the priesthood and one for women who are exploring a call to consecrated religious life.

In a first, the Office of Vocations has partnered with the Delegate for Religious to publish a poster of women aspiring to the religious life, in addition to the annual seminarian poster.

"I'm happy with the joint effort. I think it's a step forward in the complimentary nature of our two offices," says Sister Barbara Mullen, delegate for Religious for the archdiocese and a sister of St. Joseph of Chambéry.

A total of 520 posters, 260 of each, were printed in early December. Two of each were delivered last month to Catholic parishes, elementary schools, high schools, colleges and religious communities.

The idea for the women's poster was forwarded by administrative assistant Maura Dooley of the Office of Vocations who attended the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors last summer and heard a panel discussion about promoting women's vocations on a poster alongside the men's poster.

"Maura thought it was a great idea and told me about it," says Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations. "I brought it to Sister Barbara and she was on board as well, and Sister Barbara designed it herself."

To start the process for the women's poster, Sister Barbara reached out to the religious orders. "I contacted all the orders in the archdiocese and asked if they had any women in stages of formation," she says, "from postulants through novices, and including temporary professed."

Five different communities forwarded 28 names along with their photos. Sister Barbara published first names only to protect the privacy of the discerners, who are free to drop out at any time. The men's poster, which includes the names and photos of 11 seminarians, was already in progress.

Now, Sister Barbara is hoping that parishioners throughout the archdiocese will pray for the discerners, providing prayerful support.

"Both Father Federico and I are hoping the first thing to come out of this is prayer, that people will understand that we have men and women who are searching," she says. "We have all these men and women who are in the process of discovery."

"I hope they feel the wealth of prayer coming back to them, by name perhaps," Sister Barbara says, "as people read the posters and call out a name."

In another first, this is the first time that either vocation poster has been sent to any Catholic schools. Sister Barbara credits Father Federico for suggesting it. "In schools, the posters will let young men and women know this could be a viable option in life," she says. "In reality, most people don't think about it."

At 2-feet-by-3 feet, both posters are much larger than the seminarian poster of past years. "With everything the Lord is doing in the Archdiocese, we thought it was the right time to make it bigger," Father Federico says. "I hope parishes and schools will display the posters prominently."

For more information on vocations, contact the Office of Vocations via email at vocations@aohct.org or call 860.761.7456. For more information about different forms of professed religious life, contact Sister Barbara Mullen at sr.mullen@aohct.org or call 860.242.5573 ext. 7492.



Sister Barbara checks the proofs for two new vocation posters.



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Story by Shelley Wolf

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2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you!

Thank you to the 30,000+ faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford who sacrificed their time, talent, and treasure to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Because of your generosity, the Appeal in 2024 raised over \$9.6m that will be used to fulfill material and spiritual needs of those in need and to shine the light of God's love across the three counties of our Archdiocese.

