



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 27, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
9:00am - 2:00pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

626 Willard Avenue
Newington, CT. 06111

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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

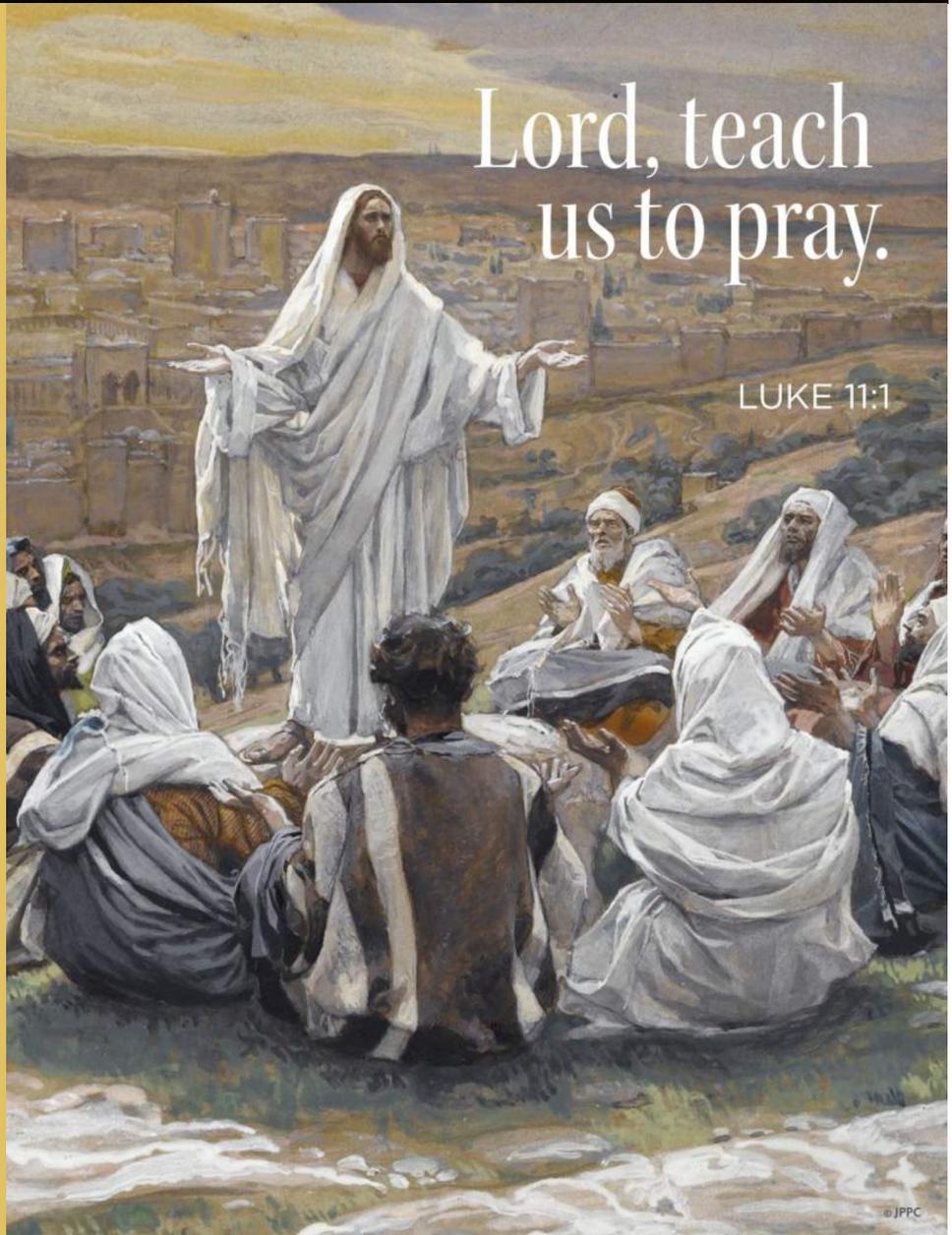
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday
9:00 am, HS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm, HS

Sunday Masses:

8:00 am, SM
9:15 am, HS
10:30 am, SM
12:00 pm, HS

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O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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

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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 – Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53

Friday Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 26th, The Vigil For The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Pauline Patriss, By Her Family

Sunday, July 27th, The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Norma Colgan, By Her Daughters

H/S 9:15 a.m. Eileen Emonds, 25th Anniversary,
By The Hebert Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Giovanni Carducci, By His Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Marie Richard, 1st Anniversary,
By Elizabeth, Riley, Rose & James Quigley

Monday, July 28th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Lois Wankerl, Birthday Remembrance,
By Her Husband Frank

Tuesday, July 29th, Saints Martha, Mary , and Lazarus

H/S 9:00 a.m. Bob Chenkus & Family,
By Stephanie Marcaccio & Family

Wednesday, July 30th, Weekday & Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. No intention

Thursday, July 31st, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. No intention

Friday, August 1st, Saint James, Apostle

H/S 9:00 a.m. David Turgeon, By Lynne Zablocki

Saturday, August 2nd, The Vigil For The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. James & Lorraine Behan, By The Family

Sunday, August 3rd, The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. John Discenza, By His Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Gilman & Norma Shaw &
James & Roseline Seegobin, By Their Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Marguerita, Ed & Diane Gibbon, By The Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Maureen A. Steck, 1st Anniversary,
By Her Family



Please welcome into our parish family, the following child who was recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

James Vincent Russo Jr.

In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Kathleen Fagan

Stanley Lojko

Peter Tracey

Robert Wardrop

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

Parish Support

July 20, 2025

Weekly \$9,162

Online Giving \$3,156

Total \$12,318

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



PARISH CALENDAR, JULY 27, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday,
August 17th at 4:30 pm in the Saint Mary
School parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, August 3rd @ both churches

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



Save The Date:

To all Parishioners. The Annunciation Women's Guild will once again be holding a **Tag Sale fundraiser**. It will be held on **Saturday, September 13th, 2025** with **free admission**, and **paid preview on Friday, September 12th**.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Annunciation Parish Pet Food Drive. The Humane Society is very grateful for your support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



18th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 7:30AM - Vigil Mass

New Location - Holy Cross High School, Waterbury, CT

Adoration, Confession, Exhibitors, Lunch, Mass

***For more information, please visit:**

www.ctcatholicmen.org

or call Bill Mitchell in the evenings at: (860) 436-2669

We are extremely grateful to The Ladies Guild and The Knights of Columbus for their generous donation in the purchase of this absolutely beautiful monstrance for Annunciation Parish. It is a fitting vessel to honor The Blessed Sacrament. Thank you!



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9-10

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C focuses on prayer, trust, and God's care for us. The readings show how people turn to God with faith and hope, asking for help and guidance.

- **Persistence in prayer:** Abraham and Jesus teach the importance of continuing to ask God for help. Both show that faith means trusting God will listen and respond.
 - **God's justice and mercy:** Abraham asks God to spare the innocent when Sodom is judged. This reminds us that God is both fair and full of mercy.
 - **Faith and forgiveness:** Paul tells the Colossians that their sins are forgiven because of Jesus. This shows that faith brings new life and freedom from sin.
 - **The gift of prayer:** Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, giving them the Lord's Prayer. Prayer is a way to build a deeper relationship with God.
 - **Trust in God's care:** Jesus says God gives good gifts to those who ask. This reminds us to trust in God, who loves and provides for us.
 - **Interceding for others:** Abraham's prayer for Sodom shows the power of asking God to help others. Prayer is not just for ourselves but for those in need.
- These themes help us reflect on how we pray and trust in God. They encourage us to turn to God with faith, knowing that He listens and cares for us.

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The Winners of the 2025 Parish Raffle are:

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| Gran Prize Winner: Ticket# 239795, K Mentkowski, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Buffalo , NY | 12. Ticket# 207686, P. Pasquale, Holy Innocents, Pleasantville , NY |
| 2nd Place Winner: Ticket# 118810, B. Finan, St. Paul.'s Roman Catholic, Bullville , NY | 13. Ticket# 193117, P Orni, St. Denis, Ashburnham , MA |
| 3rd Place Winner: Ticket# 76402, M. Graziosa-Norton, St. Anthony, Prospect , CT | 14. Ticket# 99971, G. Barratt, Corpus Christi, South River , NJ |
| 4. Ticket# 78821, M. Mangini, Annunciation B.V.M., Philadelphia , PA | 15. Ticket# 210057, DiMarco, Holy Innocents, Pleasantville , NY |
| 5. Ticket# 83775, R. Di Liberto, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Philadelphia , PA | 16. Ticket# 1939, Y. Leavy, The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middletown , NY |
| 6. Ticket# 206497, P. Lavallee, Holy Family, S Deerfield , MA | 17. Ticket# 97561, F. Murray, St. Aloysius, New York , NY |
| 7. Ticket# 96940, E. Jefferson, St. Aloysius Church, New York , NY | 18. Ticket# 199863, E. Balisalisa, St. Veronica, Howell , NJ |
| 8. Ticket# 14118, S. Goodwin, Annunciation, Newington , CT | 19. Ticket# 37399, G. Marcin, St. John Bosco, Port Chester , NY |
| 9. Ticket# 182258, J. D'ERRICO, St. Anne, Shrewsbury , MA | 20. Ticket# 187644, J. Noche, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Hainesport , NJ |
| 10. Ticket# 80406, D. Leonard, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Philadelphia , PA | 21. Ticket# 217097, D Caissie, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Andover , MA |
| 11. Ticket# 528, A. Murray, St. Laurence Catholic, Amarillo , TX | 22. Ticket# 213316, Coomey, Holy Innocents, Pleasantville , NY |
| | 23. Ticket# 101391, M. Reuse, Corpus Christi, South River , NJ |

Annunciation Parish Women’s Guild 2025



Holy Spirit Church Hall
183 Church Street, Newington
Preview – Friday, September 12, 2025
\$5.00 Admission 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday, September 13, 2025
Free Admission 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

CLEAN AND

NEEDED

USABLE ARTICLES

SMALL APPLIANCES (WORKING CONDITION)
JEWELRY, HANDBAGS
GLASSWARE, CHINA, POTTERY
SMALL ELECTRONICS (WORKING CONDITION)
TOYS, LAMPS
SMALL FURNITURE OR PATIO
CLEAN PET ITEMS

SMALL HAND TOOLS
LINENS & CRAFT ITEMS
SMALL SPORTS ITEMS
POTS & PANS
KNICK-KNACKS
SUITCASES
SMALL SPORTS EQUIPMENT

NO TRUCK LOADS PLEASE

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
FURNITURE LARGE OR HEAVY
CLOTHING OR SHOES
INFANT SEATS, CRIBS OR HIGHCHAIRS
CHRISTMAS TREES OR LIGHTS
TELEVISIONS, MONITORS OR COMPUTERS
STUFFED TOYS
PLASTIC FOOD ITEMS
LARGE LAWN OR YARD EQUIPMENT
MUGS OR WATER GLASSES
PICTURES OR FRAMES
BOOKS, CD'S, RECORDS OR CASSETTES
UNSAFE OR HAZARDOUS ITEMS
BASKETS

DROP-OFF DATES LIMITED TO: 2 DAYS AND 2 EVENINGS ONLY

September 8, 2025 Monday 9 am – 2 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm
September 9, 2025 Tuesday 9 am – 2 pm and 5 pm – 7pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please text Lynn Lutz, Chairperson @ 860-604-6798 or email at lutz62511@gmail.com



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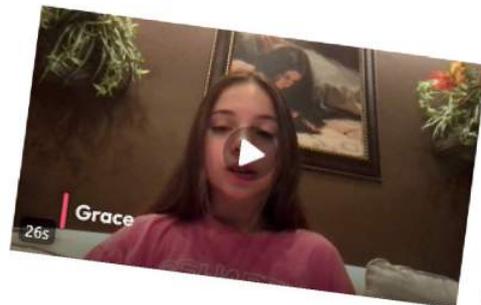
Through Words

Submitting a written Nod through our website couldn't be simpler. Compose a short thank you highlighting a priest who has helped you or a loved-one in a specific way, press the submit button and you're done!

WHO IS NOD TO THE COLLAR?

We are lay Catholics without an agenda. Our sole purpose is to create a loving space where we can share our stories and show appreciation to the incredible priests who tirelessly serve.

 www.nodtothecollar.com



I wanna give a nod to **Father Michael** because he did my first communion. This meant a lot to me because of how he helped me a lot with my faith.



Thank you, **Father Tom**, for the thoughtful spiritual direction when I shared an ethical issue that was confronting me in my workplace. Your attentiveness, time and availability during a time when I was confused helped bring me back to the grounding of my faith and how to live it in a challenging job environment.

Francis

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

JULY 26 - AUGUST 1, 2025



Father Michael Ruminski highlights the reclaimed copper baptismal font now in use at Bloomfield's Sacred Heart Church, following a recent church remodel. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



The renovated sanctuary is now smaller, with an elevated altar and tabernacle, plus new fabric tapestries. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

BLOOMFIELD CHURCH REMODEL BLENDS BEAUTY AND PURPOSE

Elevated on plywood, the sanctuary floor was sagging. The vinyl flooring in the nave had cracked. Over time, a church's structure and beauty show evidence of decades of service and wear.

But after undergoing an interior renovation last fall, Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield has a new look. Dedicated in 1963, the contemporary-style church has been refreshed with new flooring, an elevated altar, a cleaned-up choir loft and the introduction of old and new artwork.

"It looks beautiful, it's theologically ordered, and it sounds great," says Father Ruminski, who commissioned the work on behalf of the parish. "It's beauty and purpose coming together. I think we accomplished a lot in the renovation to communicate all those things."

As the former pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Father Ruminski is happy to reflect on last fall's remodel of Sacred Heart Church. However, just this month, he was reassigned to St. Thomas and St. Timothy Parish in West Hartford. In the meantime, Father Stuart Pinette, the new pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, can look forward to celebrating Mass in a refurbished worship space.

According to Father Ruminski, the Sacred Heart renovation, which took several months to complete, tackled vinyl floors with asbestos, tightly spaced pews, a crowded and cluttered sanctuary, and a dimly lit interior.

The solution? "It became clear the floor was the obstacle to everything," Father Ruminski says. After talking to his contractors, the Sullivan Brothers, the solution was to "pull everything out and rethink the floor plan."

The contractors removed the old vinyl tiles, remediated the asbestos and added brighter gray and cream ceramic tiles throughout the church. They also built a smaller sanctuary floor to better fit the space, then elevated the altar and centered the tabernacle.

With a smaller sanctuary, the original pews could then be respaced with an extra seven inches per row to give parishioners room to maneuver. "It feels more open with the same amount of seating," Father Ruminski notes. New seat cushions added comfort and improved the acoustics.

In the choir loft, organ pipes were repositioned on either side of a window, allowing the light in. This change also created more room in the loft, enabling the choir to relocate from the sanctuary to the loft.

On the main floor, a vintage copper baptismal font replaced the old leaky one. Originally used in Bloomfield's Christ the King Church, which closed in 1996,

the copper baptismal font was found dented and patinaed in Sacred Heart's basement. Refurbished, the font is now positioned at the head of the main aisle of Sacred Heart.

To add more beauty, the priest commissioned New Hampshire artist Eileen Cunis to create fabric tapestries for the sanctuary walls. They include four angels and two saints, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, who is on his way to sainthood, and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, promoter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose relic is embedded in the altar at Sacred Heart Church.

The altar and tabernacle are now the focus. Statues of Mary and Jesus, once hidden in the back of the church, are now visible in side alcoves.

"The overall effect of the renovation is to give the church a much stronger sense of direction," Father Ruminski says, "that we're oriented, that we have somewhere to go. And that is in union with God, and in communion with Christ."

- Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events



08/1 FRIDAY 6PM
MASS OF HEALING
St. Peter Church, 99 East Main St,
Torrington

Experience the Power of Healing — 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. A special Healing Mass with anointing of the sick will be celebrated by Rev. Emmanuel Ihemedu, pastor of St. John Paul the Great Parish in Torrington. The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Mass. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith. Remember, Jesus is still in the business of healing.



08/19 TUESDAY 6:30PM-8:00PM
MY WAY WITH FR. RAY KELLY
A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR IMMACARE
PRESENTED BY DR. BARBARA A. CLARK
Northwest Catholic High School, 29
Wampanoag Dr, West Hartford

Fr. Ray Kelly, the world-renowned YouTube sensation and beloved Singing Priest from Ireland, will perform live on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, CT in his only Connecticut appearance!

This special nondenominational concert is part of his sixth North American music ministry tour and coincides with the release of his sixth CD, MY WAY. The album features three original songs—Through the Storm, Drift Away and Tears—written and produced by Cross-Light Records, along with the iconic song My Way, performed in English, German, Spanish and Italian. Vocal and instrumental versions will be included.

Fr. Ray's 2025 tour includes stops in Michigan, Ohio, Florida, Connecticut, Cape Cod and New York, and concludes in New Brunswick, Canada. Despite his busy tour schedule, he continues to serve as an active parish priest in Ireland and a member of Saint Patrick's Society for the Foreign Missions, sharing his music ministry across the globe.

100 percent of the proceeds from the West Hartford performance will benefit ImmaCare supporting our mission to serve individuals experiencing homelessness in the Hartford region.

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