



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES, JUNE 29, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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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

Visit us on the web @
annunciationnewington.com

You are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my Church.

Matthew 16:18



O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. 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

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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 – Saints Peter And Paul, Apostles

Monday Gen 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday Gen 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday Gen 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc-2 Jn 20:24-29

Friday Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday Gen 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:14-17

Sunday Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 28th The Vigil For Saints Peter And Paul, Apostles

H/S 4:00 p.m. Agatha Cetola, By The Bachand Family

Sunday, June 29th, Saints Peter And Paul, Apostles

S/M 8:00 a.m. Patti Cetran, By Laurel Decker

H/S 9:15 a.m. Wladyslaw Lenczewski, By M/M John Rocco

S/M 10:30 a.m. Ralph Castellon, By His Mother & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Eleanor Paradis, Birthday Remembrance,
By Her Son

Monday, June 30th, Weekday (Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time)

H/S 9:00 a.m. Jacob, Anna, & Teddy Pajor, & Ryan Morin
By Their Daughter & Family

Tuesday, July 1st, Weekday and Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Maria & Frank & Judy Tirabassi
By Their Daughter in-law

Wednesday, July 2nd, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Salvatore Nocera, By His Loving Family

Thursday, July 3rd, Saint Thomas, Apostle

H/S 9:00 a.m. Aurelio & Toridia Culling, By Lourdes Culling

Friday, July 4th, Weekday and Independence Day

H/S 9:00 a.m. John R. Poglitsch, Birthday Remembrance,
By His Sister, Judy Poglitsch

Saturday, July 5th The Vigil For The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Carol Taylor, By The Taylor Family

Sunday, July 6th, The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Louis & Josephine Rispoli, By Their Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Anna Griffin, By Her Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Susan St. Laurent Gaetano,
By The St. Laurent Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Frank D'Aquila, 1st Anniversary,
By The Marchetti Family



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Robert Liappes

Kathleen McMahon

Luciana "Lucy" Menditto

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

Parish Support

June 22, 2025

Weekly \$10,386

Online Giving \$3,634

Total \$14,020

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



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, Speakers, Exhibitors, Lunch, Mass

Speakers: Dr. Ray Guarendi, Fr. Anthony Federico,

Fr. Jason Brooks, and Mr. Michael O'Neill

***For more information, please visit: www.ctcatholicmen.org**

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

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

Hudson Brandon Mercier

Nora Rae Metty

PARISH CALENDAR, JUNE 29, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **July 20th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, July 6th @ 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

K of C Food Collection for Newington Food Pantry

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the Knights of Columbus Food Pantry Collection!

This month, we collected a total of **497 lbs** of food. The **Newington Food Pantry** is deeply grateful for your continued generosity and support. Our next collection will take place on the weekend of : **July 5 & 6.**

Items needed: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning products, health and beauty products, tin foil, plastic wrap, juice, coffee, tea, canned tuna or chicken, soup, peanut butter, jelly, and baking items.

NO pet food please.



Save The Date:

To all Parishioners. Your assistance is requested. 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.**

As you complete your Spring and Summer household cleaning, we ask you to consider putting aside clean, working, and useable items and donating them to the tag sale in September.

Clean, working and useable items needed are: small appliances, jewelry, handbags, glassware, china, pottery, small electronics, pots and pans, toys, lamps, suitcases, small furniture or patio items, clean pet items, small sports equipment, small hand tools, knickknacks, and linens and craft items.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED include:
Large furniture, books, CD's, DVD's , videos, records, video equipment, medical equipment, clothing or shoes, infant seats, cribs or high chairs, Christmas trees or lights, televisions, monitors or computer items, plastic food items, mugs and water glasses, pictures or picture frames, stuffed toy and unsafe or hazardous items.

*Thank you for your generous support in last week's "**Peter's Pence Collection!**"

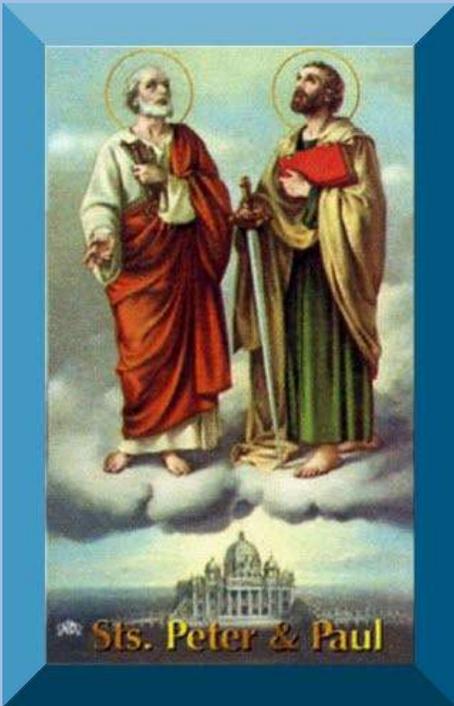
Our contributions of \$3,233 join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

Visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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Saints Peter and Paul are two of the most important figures in the history of the Church. They were leaders who spread the message of Jesus and helped build the early Christian community. Both are remembered as apostles who gave their lives for their faith. The Church celebrates them together because of their deep connection in spreading the Gospel.

Peter was one of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus. He became the leader of the apostles and is known as the first Pope. Jesus called Peter “the rock” on which He would build His Church. Peter’s role was to guide and strengthen the early Christians.



Paul was not one of the twelve apostles, but he became an important leader. At first, Paul persecuted Christians, but he had a powerful experience of Jesus and became a believer. Paul traveled far and preached to people who had never heard about Jesus. He wrote letters that helped explain the teachings of the Church.

Peter and Paul both died in Rome as martyrs. They gave their lives to follow Jesus. The Church celebrates their feast day on June 29 to honor their work and their sacrifice. Their stories show the courage and faith that built the Church.

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The Annunciation Parish

Women’s Fellowship Group

Welcome women of all ages! We meet Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in The Holy Spirit Church Hall.

The group focuses on our walk with God in our daily lives through scripture, fostering spiritual growth, building lasting friendships and trust. Our mission is to provide a safe place where women are encouraged to connect, serve, and develop their faith through shared experiences and activities.

Please register by either emailing or texting Kimberly Marchetti at:

kim@annunciationnewington.com or 860-202-0020.

Please provide the following information: full name, home address, phone number and email address.

Walk-Ins are always welcome!



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What God Gives Can Never Be Taken Away

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights---among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

These beautiful words from the Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, set the framework for every American founder and provided a foundation for the forming of the United States. These unalienable rights, which flowed from the Creator have a stunning implication, namely that they could not be taken away from by civil government. May we remember and celebrate these God-given rights this July 4th.

May we all celebrate our independence by reaffirming our dependence on God and proclaim together again that we hold these truths! Happy Fourth!

Annunciation Parish Pet Food Drive Newington CT Humane Society

Please bring
**NON-PERISHABLE
PETFOOD ITEMS**

To Mass on the following
Dates

Sat. July 19th & Sun. July 20th

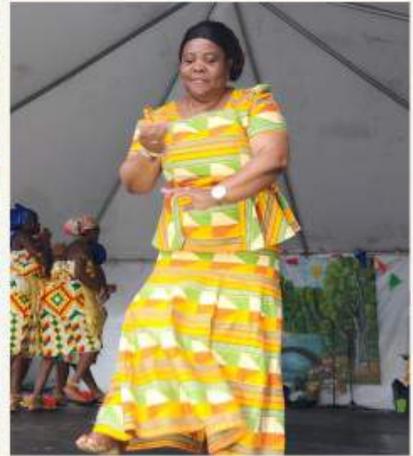
Leave them just inside the
side entrance closest to
parking lot



God Bless and Thank You for Your Generosity

Fifth Multicultural INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC GATHERING

Join us to celebrate the vibrant traditional dances and cuisine that reflect the tapestry of the Archdiocese of Hartford!



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD
Office of Faith and Culture

A fun Family Event! ◆

Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025
Place: St Thomas Syro Malabar Catholic Church,
30 Echo Ln. West Hartford
Time: 2-7 pm



NOD TO THE COLLAR

CELEBRATING THE GOOD

Want to acknowledge a priest who has made a positive impact on your life? You're not alone! Visit nodtothecollar.com and express your gratitude for the dedicated members of our Catholic clergy through video or audio, art, or a written statement. It's a quick and simple way to make a meaningful impact.

SHARE YOUR STORY ON nodtothecollar.com



Through Video or Audio

Recording a Nod is as easy as taking a selfie! Visit our website to record a thank you (audio or video), highlighting a priest who has helped you or a loved-one in a specific way.



Through Art

As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words! Upload a drawing or piece of original art through our website, highlighting a priest who has helped you or a loved one in a specific way.



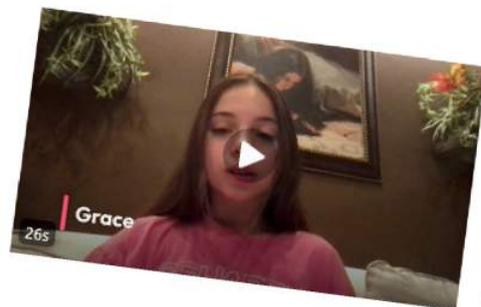
Through Words

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

JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2025



Members of Our Lady of the Assumption's Faith, Hope & Charity Committee gather to discuss their initiatives. SUBMITTED PHOTO

WOODBIDGE PARISHIONERS RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL TO HELP OTHERS

- Story by Joe Pisani

When Margaret Hamilton and parishioners from Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish in Woodbridge and Bethany went into New Haven with fresh produce from their community garden, they were met by a group of excited people at Amistad Catholic Worker.

Hamilton, who is the chair of the Faith, Hope & Charity Committee, says, "I'm not a gardener. I'm just impressed that things grow in the ground so when we bring them produce, I'm happy that they get so excited about what they plan to do with it."

The committee, which has been active for more than 25 years, oversees programs that "help all those who need help," she adds. "The purpose of the committee is to be the charitable arm of the parish," says Father Glen Dmytryszyn, pastor. "We take to heart Our Lord's teaching in the Gospel, where he says that we should extend his heart and hands to those who are in need. We do that through charitable works and through our witness and prayer."

Hamilton said that the initiatives the committee supports are:

*Midnight Run, where parishioners prepare 200 lunches a month that are distributed to the homeless. Since the fall of 2022, some 5,000 lunches have been made.

*Good Samaritan Bags, which contain basic necessities, such as socks, water and toothbrushes, are given to homeless people.

*The parish Community Garden, where the members grow vegetables in 13 raised beds, which last year harvested more than 700 pounds of produce distributed to different organizations twice a week during the summer.

*Food drives, which benefit five groups, are held on a regular basis.

*The annual Christmas Angel Tree program which collects toys and gifts for children and families, who might not otherwise receive any.

*Support for St. Gianna Pregnancy Resource Center in New Haven which benefits newborns, babies, single mothers and families.

*Semiannual fundraising breakfasts to raise money to support the various ministries.

"This is the impulse of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, to do good in his name, not in our name," Father Dmytryszyn says. "Ultimately, that's what the Faith, Hope and Charity Committee seeks to do: to inspire faith, give hope and increase charity."

Hamilton, who has been involved with the committee for 15 years, says there are

some 25 people who participate, in addition to others who oversee the different ministries.

The entire parish provides support and resources, particularly in initiatives like the Midnight Run, where parishioners stock up on food items for distribution, and the Angel Tree, which collects Christmas gifts each year.

"I like to serve," Hamilton says. "Since I've been involved, I've gotten very close to some of the people we work with, and no matter what we do, they're always grateful." Father Dmytryszyn praised the parish for its generosity and said the work of the committee is fundamental to the Church's mission.

"It allows us to witness to the words and actions of Christ," he says. "As a Catholic faith community, responding to what the Lord asks us to do is pivotal. It's never an option to extend the love of Christ. The parish is more than just a fellowship of our common faith; it's an active participant in the faith, proclaiming Jesus Christ instilling that faith in everyone and giving hope to everyone, and sharing the charity of Christ with everyone."

For more information about the activities of the Faith, Hope & Charity Committee of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Woodbridge and Bethany, contact the rectory at 203.387.7119.



Upcoming Events



07/12 SATURDAY 9:30AM - 3PM
HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY
Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center,
94 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

We will spend time in prayer like the 12 Apostles, Mary and the other Disciples awaiting the Coming of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost. We will pray with the 7 Gifts and the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit that they might penetrate us so deeply, that the Holy Spirit, once again, might set us & the world on Fire with Jesus' Spirit of Love, Power and Might.

Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ- Donation asked \$35. Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch.

To register online go to sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.



07/7-11 WEEKDAYS
MUSIC & ART CAMP FOR CHILDREN
Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd,
West Hartford

Students entering grades 3 through 8 are invited to participate in an exciting week of various activities related to music & art.

The music camp will be led by Fr. David Cinquegrani and Kevin Hadyka and take place in the mornings on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Singing in small groups and all together, playing instruments and listening are all part of this enjoyable and educational week. A selection will be performed at the end of each session and a short concert on the final day will bring the week to an inspiring end. Snacks will be provided.

The art camp will be led by Cheryl Gosselin and Lori Little and will take place in the afternoons on Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will study different artists, forms of art and create masterpieces of our own during our time together. Snacks will be provided. Cost includes supplies.

Offering: \$200 for both Music and Art Camp (includes morning and afternoon snacks)
\$125 for Music Camp only (includes snacks)
\$100 for Art Camp only (includes snacks)

If you register for the full day option, please bring a bagged lunch with you to eat during the break. Depending on the weather, we will also spend some time outdoors during this hour-long break. Register at www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/music-art-camp



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07/10-12 THURSDAY - SATURDAY 5-10PM
SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL
St. Mary's Church Grounds, 212 Elizabeth
St, Derby

Join us in Derby for OLQA/St. Mary's Summer Food Festival—a weekend packed with incredible food and family fun! Savor favorites like, fried calamari, pierogis, rice with chicken stew, corned beef sandwiches, Philly steak sandwiches, sausage & peppers, porchetta, beef or cheese empanadas, pasta with meat sauce, cavatelli & broccoli, and even liver with bacon and onions. We've got American cookout classics too—as well as kielbasa dogs, fried dough, Italian ice, cake, and a wide selection of beer, wine, vodka seltzers, and sodas.

Fiesta Friday features a live mariachi band and authentic tacos, and Saturday is all about the kids with arts, crafts, games, and contests.

Try your luck in our raffle—\$5 a ticket for a chance at up to \$1,000! **Cash only event**.

Find us on facebook: @StMarysChurchDerbyCt or on our website: www.OLQADerby.org

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