



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

First Sunday Of Lent, March 9, 2025

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Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

626 Willard Avenue

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CHURCH OF HOLY SPIRIT

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

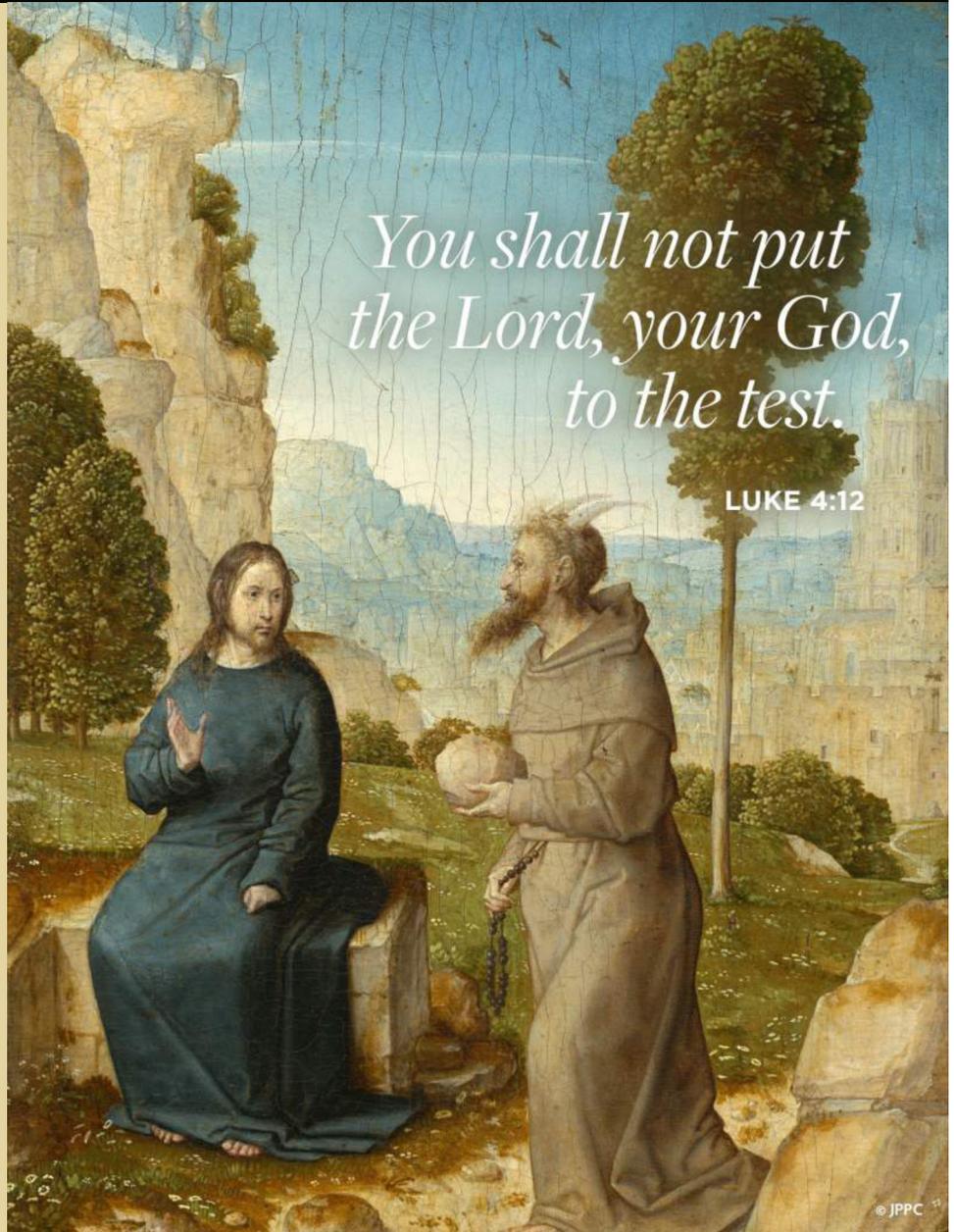
9:15 am, HS

10:30 am, SM

12:00 pm, HS

Visit us on the web @

annunciationnewington.com



Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 9, 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.

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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 First Sunday Of Lent

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 9, 2025

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 8th, The Vigil For The First Sunday Of Lent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Marta Weingartner, By Her Family

Sunday, March 9th, The First Sunday Of Lent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Walter Grudzien, By His Family
H/S 9:15 a.m. Daniel & Emma Stigliano, By Their Family
S/M 10:30 a.m. John Jennings, By His Family
H/S 12:00 p.m. Francis Frascarelli, Anniversary Mass,
By His Family

Monday, March 10th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Barbara & Denny Turgeon,
By Stephanie Marcaccio & Family

Tuesday, March 11th, Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday, March 12th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Vincenzo Liistro, By His Sister & Brother in-law

Thursday, March 13th, Lenten Weekday

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

Friday, March 14th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Thomas Lineberry, Birthday Remembrance,
By Grace Lineberry

Saturday, March 15th, The Vigil For The Second Sunday Of Lent

H/S 4:00 p.m. John Webster, 4th Anniversary,
By His Wife & Family

Sunday, March 16th, The Second Sunday Of Lent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Anna & John Walker, By Their Family
H/S 9:15 a.m. Palma Vitanza, By Mr. & Mrs. John Rocco
S/M 10:30 a.m. Rose & Robert Colgan, By Their Family
H/S 12:00 p.m. Michael Iskra, By His Wife Beverly & Children



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Elisa Gualtieri
Tracy Presta
Mary Rudek

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

Parish Support

March 2, 2025

Weekly	\$14,368
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$3,505</u>
Total	\$17,873

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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

*Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal **Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Save the Date: May 3, 2025

Annunciation Parish will be hosting Comedy Night at St. Mary's School!

Tickets are now available for purchase! Tickets will be available for purchase after all masses at both churches the weekends of **March 22nd/23rd** and again on **April 26th/27th**

For tickets and more information please contact: Jay Dumais at (860)836-8243 or email jay11dum@gmail.com



PARISH CALENDAR, MARCH 9, 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, **April 7th**, 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.

Connecticut March For Life

Please join us for the 4th annual March for Life on **Wednesday, March 19th, 2025** at the State Capitol in Hartford. The Rally at the Capitol with speakers will begin at noon and the March around Bushnell Park is scheduled for 1 PM. We hope that you will join us as we stand up for the protection of all human life!



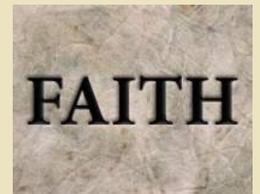
Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive for the Intellectually Disabled

The KofC Assembly will hold its Tootsie Roll Drive fundraiser on



Saturday & Sunday, March 8-9, at Holy Spirit to benefit organizations including **Harc** and the **Challengers Baseball Team**. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year C begins our journey through Lent. This is a time to reflect on our faith and grow closer to God.



- **Faith and Confession:** Romans 10:9-10 emphasizes the importance of confessing our faith in Jesus. This theme reminds us to openly profess our belief in Christ during Lent.
- **Temptation and Resistance:** In Luke 4:1-13, Jesus is tempted by the devil but resists. This teaches us to stand strong against temptations in our lives.
- **God's Help in Trials:** Jesus' time in the desert shows that God is with us in our struggles. We can rely on God's help when we face challenges.
- **Scripture as Guidance:** Jesus uses Scripture to counter the devil's temptations. This shows the power of God's word in guiding us and protecting us.
- **Salvation for All:** Romans 10:12-13 reminds us that salvation is available to everyone who calls on the Lord. This theme highlights the inclusiveness of God's love.
- **Offering First Fruits:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10 speaks of bringing the first fruits to God as an offering. This theme encourages us to give our best to God.
- **Trust in God:** The readings emphasize trusting God in every situation. This trust is key to our faith journey during Lent.
- **Obedience to God:** Jesus' obedience to God in the desert is a model for us. We are called to obey God's will in our lives.

Lent is a special time for reflection and growth in faith. By focusing on these themes, we can deepen our relationship with God.

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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 14th - Knights of Columbus

Friday March 21st - Annunciation Eucharistic Ministry

Friday March 28th - Annunciation Women's Guild

Friday April 4th - Annunciation Men's Fellowship

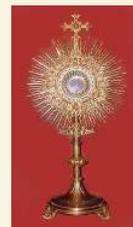
Friday April 11th - CCD 9th and 10th Graders

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



Eucharistic Adoration and Opportunity for Confession

Tuesday Evenings at Holy Spirit: **6:00-7:00 p.m.**



Celebration of the Sacrament of Confession

Friday: **8:30-8:50 a.m.** at Holy Spirit

Saturday: **3:00-3:50 p.m.** at Holy Spirit

Sunday: **7:30-7:50 a.m.** at St. Mary

Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent:

12:10 at St. Mary and **7:00 p.m.** at Holy Spirit



Mass Policy Update

Moving forward, when scheduling masses, payment is expected at the time of booking.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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Palm Cross 2025 Order Form

Annunciation Parish

Newington Knights of Columbus Council #3884



- Beautiful 24" x 12" Palm Crosses
- Decorated with 60 pieces of Palm
- **Purple Ribbon**
- 2 Artificial Lilies
- Individually Bagged
- **\$13 Each**

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Crosses: _____ x \$13.00 Each

Paid by: CASH _____ CHECK _____ Total: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KOFC COUNCIL 3884

Crosses will be available for pick up at Holy Spirit Church Hall on Saturday, April 5th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

If there are questions, please contact:
Bill Mitchell 860-436-2669; wmitchell1927@gmail.com

Paradisus Dei; The Mysteries of Rosary "Glorious Mysteries"

- Thursday Nights April 24th – June 12th
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Holy Spirit Hall

• This will take you deeper into each of the Glorious Mysteries each week, followed by a brief discussion and ending with praying the Rosary together

• Refreshments provided.

- Angelo Marchetti – 860-202-1612
- angelomarchetti2367@outlook.com

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Fundraiser Event

GIVE LAUGH



TICKETS ON SALE NOW



Annunciation Parish and Connecticut Comedy For Cash

presents a Night of Comedy
Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

at Saint Mary's School

652 Willard Avenue, Newington

Doors at 6PM - Showtime at 7PM

Raffle prizes, Popcorn + BYOB + BYOFood

Donation \$25.00



For tickets or more information call Jay Dumais
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Xavier High School's Home and School Association (HSA) Team is excited to announce the **33rd**

Annual Xavier Black and White Auction to be held on March 22nd, 2025 starting at 5pm at Xavier High School. We invite all alumni and current families as well as all supporters of Xavierian Brothers' mission to join us! This year's theme, ***Saturday Night Fever*** gives us a chance to add dancing under the mirrored ball! Tickets are \$90 and include appetizers, dinner, desserts, beer and wine tasting and of course our Falcon signature drink. An evening for fun, friends and fund-raising with hundreds of items in the Silent Auction, exciting Live Auction and fantastic raffles. Please contact us with any questions via email hsa@xavierhighschool.org or phone – HSA President, Ania Simpson 860-966-9825. We thank you in advance and we hope you can join us! Please scan the QR code to be directed to the Auction website.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

MARCH 8 - 14, 2025



Yale trombonist Naomi Wharry plays an unexpectedly quiet instrumental meditation piece, accompanied by parishioner Leonardo Melendez on the drums. **Photo by Shelley Wolf**

NEW HAVEN PARISHIONERS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN MUSICAL STYLE

- Story by Shelley Wolf

There was no yawning in the pews at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sun., Feb. 23 at St. Martin de Porres Church in New Haven, as the parishioners of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish came together to celebrate the fourth week of Black History Month.

In addition to a full Mass celebrated by their parochial vicar, Father Joseph MacNeill, parishioners were treated to lively hymns by the St. Martin de Porres Gospel Choir as well as trombone accompaniment and a solo by Naomi Wharry, who is currently pursuing a classical trombone degree at Yale.

"I Found It All in the Word of God," sung by the choir during the collection, had parishioners swaying in their seats to the rousing gospel hymn. Later, Wharry mesmerized the congregation with an unexpectedly quiet and reflective instrumental meditation on the trombone.

Prior to the close of the Mass, parishioner Patricia Mason lauded a number of accomplished members of the St. Martin de Porres Church community.

Wharry, the guest trombonist, is an Oklahoma native who grew up in a family of eight. In addition to studying classical music at Yale, she plays in a professional jazz quartet.

Nelson Tamakloe, who directs the choir and accompanies on organ and piano, studied music theory at Yale and is the former director of the Yale Gospel Choir. According to Mason, Nelson, who lives in Massachusetts and had car trouble one day, took the train to New Haven and walked to St. Martin de Porres Church rather than miss a rehearsal days before the choir's Christmas Eve performance.

Calling him "committed, enthusiastic, faithful and devoted," Mason said, "You are a quintessential example of dedication."

Mason also praised the drummer, longtime parishioner Leonardo Melendez, who was baptized in the parish and attended St. Martin de Porres School. Known for bringing his own drum set wherever he plays, he drummed away at the special event, accompanying the choir and trombonist.

"It's wonderful," Father MacNeill said, "to be able to celebrate two of our parish musicians."

All were invited to join in the parish carpool the next day to attend her installation ceremony in Hartford. During the Mass, Father MacNeill delivered a homily on the weekly readings, offering spiritual and practical advice on Jesus' challenge of loving one's enemies. He advised the use of "tough love" when necessary, and at other times "killing them with kindness."

In his reflection he recommended using kindness, mercy and compassion to turn the tables on those who express hate; blessing one's enemies; and praying for a conversion of heart for those who mistreat us.

"Only then can we truly say we are doing our best every day to be good and faithful Christians," the priest said. During the prayer intentions, Father MacNeill also asked the congregation to pray for Pope Francis.



Upcoming Events



03/13 THURSDAY 10AM - 4PM
**LENTEN BAKING RETREAT:
 MEDITERRANEAN BRAIDED LOAFS, WITH
 PAM HARDIMAN**

Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd,
 West Hartford

Join us in making a braided Easter loaf decorated with colored eggs, found in Italy, Greece, and around the Mediterranean. In keeping with the egg theme, we will make egg cards decorated with Pam's hand painted silk scraps. \$75, includes lunch. 860-760-9705.



03/9 SUNDAY 3PM - 4PM
HOLY HOUR OF HOPE

Mount Sacred Heart Chapel,
 295 Benham Street, Hamden

Join the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for prayer and meditation on the theme of hope. Evening will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a reflection from Pope Francis, and a reading from a letter by Blessed Clelia Merloni (foundress of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). All are welcome! No RSVP required. For questions, call 203-248-4225.



03/22 - 03/27
**TOLTON: FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST
 LIVE PERFORMANCE - FREE ADMISSION**

03/21 St. John Paul the Great Academy, 360
 Prospect St, Torrington 10AM

03/22 St. Therese Church, 120 W Granby Rd,
 Granby 10AM

03/23 St. Agnes Church, 400 Merwin Ave,
 Milford 2PM

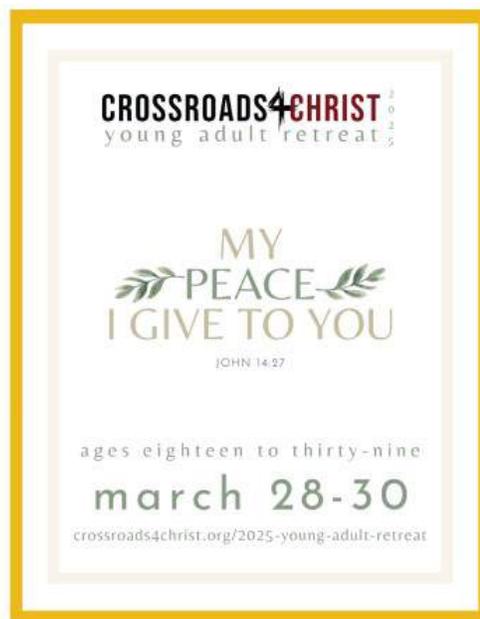
03/24 St. Patrick's Cathedral School,
 211 Broadway, Norwich 10AM

03/25 Kolbe Cathedral High School,
 33 Calhoun Pl, Bridgeport 10AM

03/26 Our Lady of Mount Carmel School,
 645 Congress Ave, Waterbury 10AM

03/27 St. Patrick's Cathedral School,
 211 Broadway, Norwich 10AM

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