



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 18, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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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

I GIVE YOU A
NEW COMMANDMENT:

Love one another

John 13:34



Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 – Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 17th, The Vigil For The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

H/S 4:00 p.m. Philip & Anne Bellinghausen, 1st Anniversary,
By Brian & Carol Forgione

Sunday, May 18th, The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

S/M 8:00 a.m. Walter Zdeb, 5th Anniversary, By His Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Arlene Hurley, By The Annunciation Parish
Women's Guild

S/M 10:30 a.m. John Mills, By His Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Dorothy Traficanti & The Traficanti &
Clemente Families, By Marie & Bob and
Nancy & Jim

Monday, May 19th, Easter Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Debbie Pelletier, By Her Mother, Margaret

Tuesday, May 20th, Easter Weekday & Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Mark & Liz Nowakowski, Blessing of Their
Marriage, By Their Parents

Wednesday, May 21st, Easter Weekday & Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

H/S 9:00 a.m. Maryanne Bridgett O'Brien, By Derek S. Petroka

Thursday, May 22nd Easter Weekday & Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

H/S 9:00 a.m. Monserrate Rosado, 1st Anniversary, By Her
Son, Luis Rosado

Friday, May 23rd, Easter Weekday

S/M 9:00 a.m. Elida Sanchez, By Her Family

Saturday, May 24th, The Vigil For The Sixth Sunday Of Easter

H/S 4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of The Pace & DiLoreto
Families, By The Treviso Family

Sunday, May 25th, The Sixth Sunday Of Easter

S/M 8:00 a.m. Walter Biluszcak & Family, By His Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Emilia Pizzoferrato, By Her Son, Antonio

S/M 10:30 a.m. Frank Aschenbrenner, Jr., By His Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Jozef Chorzepa, By His Son & Family



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Jeanette Brovold

Catherine Jean Carter

Marilyn Martin

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

Collection Amounts will be
posted in the next bulletin
due to early deadlines.

*We are grateful to all
who continue to support
Annunciation Parish by your
prayers and financial
contributions.*

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



***The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will hold its
May meeting at St Jerome's on May 22nd at 1pm. We will
be saying the Blessed Rosary together.
Refreshment will follow!**



PARISH CALENDAR, MAY 18, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **May 18th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot. ***There is no collection in April.**

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

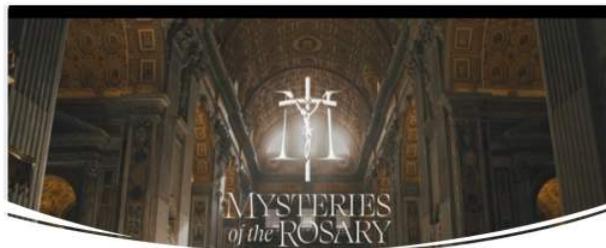
...meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month, at **6:00 pm** in St. Mary lower Rectory. Contact: Tom Morris at (860) 666-6331

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 last Women's Executive Board meeting (members only) of this year is Monday, **June 2nd @ 5:00 p.m.**



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
- anglomarchetti2367@outlook.com

The Annunciation Women's Guild Executive Board

members only, will hold their end of the year meeting on **Monday, June 2, 2025 at 5:00 pm** in the **Holy Spirit Church Hall**. Members are requested to bring their pot luck food item, final reports, and your calendars to plan the meeting dates for the next year.



In my Love, Abide

Men's Retreat: June 6-8, 2025 &

Women's Retreat: May 30 to June 1, 2025

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center – West Hartford, CT

Jesus calls us to remain in love as the branches remain with the vine for life and sustenance. We know that Jesus prayed often and taught his disciples to do the same. Pope Francis has named this year a "Year of Prayer." He described it as "a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world." We invite you to come and explore the depths of a life of prayer and learn ways to maintain the sacred connection to God through Christ, the true vine. Conferences and workshops will be offered along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Register at: holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats.

Generous scholarships are available – email: info@holyfamilyretreat.org or contact our registrar Ted at: 860.760.9705 for more information.

The Holy Family Retreat Team

We are actively looking for volunteers to serve as Eucharistic Ministers for the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses at Saint Mary's Church. If this is a ministry that you would be able to contribute your time and talents to, please contact Sue at: 860-424-7176 and leave her a message and she will get back to you.

Thank you so much!



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The 5th Sunday of Easter Year C focuses on the growth of the early Church and Jesus' command to love one another. These readings highlight the importance of faith, community, and the promise of a new heaven and earth.

- **Spreading the Gospel:** Acts 14:21-27 shows Paul and Barnabas spreading the good news. This theme emphasizes the importance of sharing our faith with others.
- **Endurance in Faith:** Paul and Barnabas encourage believers to remain true to the faith despite hardships. This reminds us to stay strong in our faith through difficulties.
- **New Creation:** Revelation 21:1-5A speaks of a new heaven and a new earth. This theme assures us of God's promise to make all things new.
- **God's Presence:** In Revelation, God dwells with His people. This theme highlights the closeness of God and His presence in our lives.
- **Love One Another:** John 13:34-35 emphasizes Jesus' command to love one another. This theme is central to Christian life and shows how we should treat others.
- **Glorifying God:** Jesus speaks of being glorified in John 13:31-33A. This theme teaches us to honor God in all we do.
- **Community Support:** The early Church supported each other as seen in Acts. This theme reminds us to help and support one another in our faith journeys.



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K of C Food Collection for Newington Food Pantry

A very sincere thank you to all who participated in the K of C Food Pantry Collection.

The Food Pantry is so grateful for your generosity. The next collection will be on:

Sunday, June 1st.*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.**

We are announcing the start of the Annunciation Parish

Women's Fellowship Group

Welcome women of all ages! We will meet Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in The Holy Spirit Church Hall beginning June 19, 2025.

The group will focus 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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An Evening of Comedy at Annunciation Parish—A Huge Success!

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, the sixth **Evening of Comedy** was held at our parish. The three comedians, show sponsors and local businesses that donated raffle prizes, made for a memorable night of laughs. The dedicated Comedy Night committee chaired by Jay Dumais, outdid themselves again!! The decorations, set up and assembling of raffle prizes all came together beautifully with three very funny comedians. Through the work of the committee and the generosity of local businesses and parishioners, the event raised \$10,405.48 for our parish. Congratulations!!

When you have the opportunity, please be sure to thank our show sponsors.

They are: Allied Tree & Lawn Service, Annunciation Parish Women's Guild, Birch Hill Landscape & Design LLC, Campbell Cooling, Cathy Hall (Berkshire Hathaway Home Services), CT Insurance Exchange, D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, Don's Speed Shop, Duksa Family Funeral Homes, Dunkin Donuts (Cary Gagnon Network), Flying Monkey Bar & Grill, Graver's Tree Care, Jean Pellerin, Karma's Closet, Kud-Pro Plumbing, Lenares Landscaping & Design, McBride Wayside Carpet, Mike's Auto Service, Mirabelli Automotive, Newington Knights of Columbus Council #3884, Newington Rotary, Patrick Baker & Sons Inc, Paul Leckowicz Dentist, Paws & Caws LLC, Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers, Renew Asphalt Maintenance, Reynold Palazhi /Stephy Johnson, Rose Hill Memorial Park, Shaker-Hill Funeral Home, Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, Stephen Ouellette Home Improvements, Stonehedge Landscaping & Garden Center, Turgeon Insurance Services, Turgeon Jewelers, and Zaman Roofing LLC.

Please also thank these area businesses who supported our event by donating prizes for the raffle. They are: Annunciation Parish Eucharistic Ministry, Annunciation Parish Men's Club, Annunciation Women's Guild, Carvel, Chris Lawrence-Escapes for Everyone, Crazy Bruce's Liquors, Crumbl Cookies, Dee Howard, Doogies, Elm Hill Pizza, Galaxy Carpet, Giovanni's Bakery, Hartford Yard Goats Baseball, Italian Gourmet, Joey Garlic's, Karma's Closet, Lake Compounce, LaserMaxx Newington, Lowe's Home Improvement, Modern Wine, Mortensens Ice Cream, Mystic Aquarium, Olympia Diner, Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers, Price Chopper, Prime Burgers Restaurant, Bar & Grill, Reflexions Studio, Roma Custom Tailoring, Saybrook Fish House, Shake Shack, Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry, Steve's Place, Stew Leonards, Stop & Shop - Fenn Rd, Stop & Shop - Kitts Ln, Patricia Tanger-from Tanger Portraits, Target, The Hair Gallery, The Kakery, Turgeon Jewelers, Vito's Restaurant & Pizzeria, Wood-n-Tap Bar & Grill, Yanni's Pizzeria & Restaurant.

Last but not least, a big thank you to **Connecticut Comedy For Cash**, the organization who supplied the funny comedians!



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Dear Friends of Annunciation Parish,

I am writing to give an update as well as another invitation to join us at Adoration on Tuesday evenings at Church of Holy Spirit from 6-7 pm.

As we entered Winter with 12 friends , we have now begun the new season of Spring with many more devoted friends of Jesus each week.

I pray that you will receive this beautiful invitation, as it will change your life. I am always amazed how fast the hour goes by and I can understand how the Saints have gotten lost in Adoration for hours.

In a world so busy with noise and distraction, our soul craves for the stillness. The Bible is filled with verses about silence and its profound role in our spiritual growth (Psalm 62:5 “For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from Him). It is in the silence we can hear His voice, renew our hope, joy, and peace. We can find direction and re-awaken our purpose. The more time with spend with Jesus in the Eucharist, the deeper our relationship becomes with Him.

At Adoration we utilize our “Spiritual Senses”; through our eyes of Faith, we believe Jesus is with us in the Eucharist; Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity as He has told us. We hear His voice in the stillness of our heart as He truly speaks to each of us, about anything we bring to Him.

As we smell the sweet incense at the altar, we are made aware of His Holy Presence near us and our prayers and devotions are rising to Him. And as the hour draws to a close, the Monstrance is raised and Jesus gives us a Blessing. I can't help but feel sad that our visit with Jesus has come to an end, but deep down I smile knowing that He is always there everyday in the Tabernacle and soon Tuesday night will be here again.

A Special Thanks to Deacon Jim Blanchette who leads our Adoration, and all the singers who praise Jesus each week in Angelic Chants.

Love,
Your fellow Parishioner and friend in Christ



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Xavier Summer Camps are open to all kids entering grades 3–9 and offer a fun, faith-filled environment to explore, grow and make new friends.

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PHOTO BY FATHER ANTHONY FEDERICO
Zach Wehner, video production specialist for the Archdiocese of Hartford, directs a group of seminarians who have pledged to pray 100 rosaries each for the "Rosary 100K" challenge being sponsored by the Office of Vocations.

VOCATIONS OFFICE LAUNCHES 'ROSARY 100K' DURING THE MONTH OF MARY

- Story by Shelley Wolf

If you've been telling yourself you really should pray the rosary more often, now is the perfect time to start building the habit. The Archdiocese of Hartford's Office of Vocations is asking Catholics of all ages to commit to praying the rosary for an increase in vocations.

Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations and director of Seminarians, is asking Catholics to pray 100,000 rosaries as part of a "Rosary 100K" challenge that is kicking off this May, during the Month of Mary.

"I read a quote from Our Lady to St. Dominic. She said something to the effect that if you promote the rosary, 'I will unleash a torrent of vocations.' And so, we are taking her at her word," Father Federico says.

"Together, the archdiocese is going to pray 100,000 rosaries for new vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, holy Catholic marriage and family, and the generous single life – for all the vocations of the Church," he explains.

And everyone is invited. "We are sending the invitation to join the campaign to every parish,

every school, every high school, every college, and every apostolate and institution in the archdiocese," he reports.

How will Father Federico be able to keep track of all these prayers, you may ask. Kevin Healy, an archdiocesan seminarian, is creating a web landing page where the archdiocese can keep track of the many pledges that come in. Go to the website hartfordpriest.com, where you can sign up and make a pledge indicating how many rosaries you plan to pray.

Kickoff day was May 11, which was both Mother's Day and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "What better way to start?" Father Federico asks. The sizable goal might seem daunting, but the campaign is already off to a good start.

The 20 seminarians of the archdiocese have pledged 100 rosaries each, for a total of 2,000 rosaries, and others made early pledges for a total of 14,000 rosaries before the campaign even launched.

People may choose to pray outdoors in good weather or indoors at church or at home.

"I think it would be great if families could pray the rosary together," the priest says.

Leaders or individuals may choose to announce their intention before each rosary, but Father Federico says not to get hung up on that. "God can do the math," he says in jest. It's primarily about "the spirit of praying the rosary and asking the Blessed Mother to intercede for us," he explains.

"The rosary is at the heart of the Christian life, and I believe it will be the unified collective commitment of the archdiocese that will be the cause of such great fruit. We already saw this when the archdiocese came together and began praying for priestly vocations, how our numbers exploded after that," he reminds everyone. "So, I think there's something in our combined effort," he says, "that really brings out the Lord's generosity."

To submit a pledge, visit hartfordpriest.com/rosary-100k, email vocation@aohct.org, or call the Office of Vocations at 860.761.7456.



Upcoming Events



06/4 WEDNESDAY 6PM - 9PM
IN MY LOVE, ABIDE IN SONG
 Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd,
 West Hartford

Music ministers are some of the most faithful members of any parish community. Music has assisted many faith-filled people to "abide" or remain with God through participation and reflection. Gather with others who share in the ministry of music for an evening retreat at Holy Family. We will sing, learn, laugh, and pray together in a spirit of love and service. The evening includes dinner, a retreat conference and the celebration of the Eucharist.

NPM members attend at a reduced cost. Pastors are welcome at no charge. Music directors attend free with ten or more choir members.

Offering: Non-NPM Member - \$45
 NPM Member - \$35
 Clergy - Free
 Music directors - Free when registering with a group of 10 or more choir members.

Contact Ted in our registrars office to sign up your choir.
 860.521.0440



05/29 - 05/31 WEEKEND 6PM - 10PM
ST. BERNARD CHURCH CARNIVAL
 St. Bernard Church, 426 Hazard Ave,
 Enfield

Get ready for fun, food, and festivities at the St. Bernard Church Carnival! This family-friendly event promises an exciting weekend filled with games, rides, delicious fried dough, and other food booths. Kids will love the monitored play area, giving parents a chance to relax and enjoy the carnival atmosphere. There's something for everyone, from thrilling rides to tasty treats, and plenty of surprises in between.

We're also looking for volunteers to help make this event a success—if you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Gary Cote at 860.481.2626. Come out and be part of a great community tradition!



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