



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE , NOVEMBER 23, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

626 Willard Ave. (All Mail Please)

Newington, CT 06111

Phone: (860) 666-1591

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

626 Willard Avenue

Newington, CT. 06111

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 @
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Today you will
be with me in
Paradise

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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

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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 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Monday Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Dn 2:31-45 Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Dn 6:12-28 Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 Lk 21:20-28

Friday Dn 7:2-14 Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Dn 7:15-27 Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 Lk 21:34-36

Sunday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 22nd, The Vigil For Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

H/S 4:00 p.m. John & Mary Hamm,
By Dennis & Marge McDonald

Sunday, November 23rd, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

S/M 8:00 a.m. Anita Fairwood, By Richard & Ronald Fairwood
& Maureen Kievman

H/S 9:15 a.m. Helen & Richard Murdock, Carol Ann &
Al Slivinskas & The Carmienke Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Antonio Gugliotti, By His Wife & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Moniz, By Her Family

Monday, November 24th, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

H/S 9:00 a.m. Leeds Carluccio, 2nd Anniversary, By His Family

Tuesday, November 25th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Guy Bernard, By His Family

Wednesday, November 26th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Frank, Mom & Dad, Tony Irmhill & Joe, Doris &
Emma Marcaccio, By His Wife

Thursday, November 27th, Weekday & Thanksgiving Day

H/S 9:00 a.m. Leeds Carluccio, By His Godson Dino Carluccio

Friday, November 28th Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Donald Dumas, By His Family

Saturday, November 29th, The Vigil For The First Sunday Of Advent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Louis & Harriette Nelson,
By Laurel Decker and Jim & Michele Nelson

Sunday, November 30th, The First Sunday Of Advent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Cecile & Norman LeBrun, By Marie

H/S 9:15 a.m. Mrs. Teofile Slivinskas, By Carol Ann & Al Slivinskas

S/M 10:30 a.m. The Buckley and Presmarita Families,
By Their Children

H/S 12:00 p.m. Arlene Freberg, By The Annunciation Parish
Ladies Guild



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

James Crowley

Robert Ouellette

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

Parish Support

November 16, 2025

Weekly \$10,780

Online Giving \$4,360

Total \$15,140

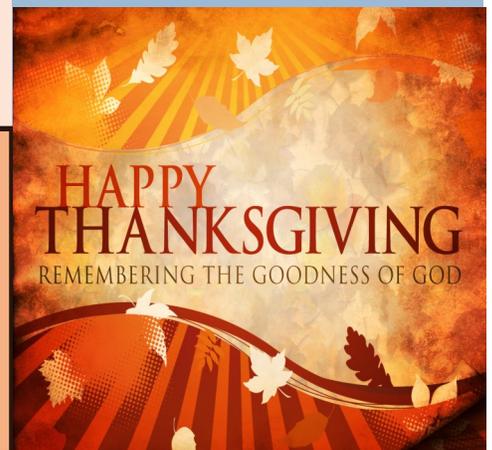
Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



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.”**

PARISH CALENDAR, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **December 21st at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, December 7th @ 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

The Women's Fellowship Group

...meets every Thursday of every from **6:30-8:00 pm** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Kim Marchetti at: (860) 202-0020

The Women's Guild

The Women's Guild Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, **December 2nd**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **December 16th**. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed

Please join us in praying for our 10th graders who were welcomed into full communion with the Church through the sacrament of Confirmation on November 23rd.



"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be recreated, and you shall renew the face of the earth."

***New members are welcome to join the Women's Guild at any meeting during the year.**

November meeting attendees are requested to bring non perishable food items, particularly items for Thanksgiving meals, to the meeting. They will be donated to the Food Pantry at Maria Reina De La Paz Church (formerly St. Lawrence O'Toole) in Hartford. The pantry serves our brothers and sisters in need in the Hartford Community meeting during the year.

The Women's Guild will be holding a fundraiser Bake Sale on the weekend of **November 22nd and 23rd. Items will be available for purchase at the entrance door of both churches after each weekend Mass (Saturday at Holy Spirit only, Sunday at Holy Spirit and St. Mary's).**



Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program

Once again our parish can participate in the Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program. Our Seminararians have little or no earning power during their years of formation, but they still have personal expenses. Whether their need is gas to travel to parish assignments, an unexpected car repair, or maybe just enough black socks to get through the week, they can use a helping hand. Your assistance in helping them to meet their everyday expenses that occur, is a great sign of support for their generous response to God's call, affirming them in their desire to dedicate their lives to Christ and serve the faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford. If you would like to participate in this program, you can ask for an envelope from the priest after Mass or just hand in a gift card with a personal note of Christmas Wishes.



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The Solemnity of Christ the King Year C reminds us that Jesus is our true King. His kingdom is different from earthly kingdoms because it is built on love, mercy, and sacrifice.

- **Jesus as King:** Jesus is not a king who rules with power and force. He leads with love, humility, and service.
- **God's Kingdom is Eternal:** Earthly rulers come and go, but Jesus' kingdom will never end. His rule is one of peace and justice.
- **Salvation Through Jesus:** The second reading reminds us that Jesus rescues us from sin. He brings us into his kingdom and makes us part of his family.
- **Mercy and Forgiveness:** Jesus forgives the criminal on the cross. His kingdom is open to all who turn to him with faith.
- **Humility and Suffering:** Jesus does not save himself from the cross. His suffering shows that true kingship is about sacrifice, not power.
- **Faith in Jesus:** The good thief believed in Jesus even when others mocked him. His faith brought him the promise of eternal life.



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The Knights Sandwich Ministry—Thank You

Thank you everyone for your generosity! In November we collected approximately 500 sandwiches and many bags of snacks for Shelters in Hartford. The Shelters are very grateful for our donations and they use these sandwiches for lunches, late-meals, walk-in's and outreach programs. Our collections are on the third Sunday of the month. The next sandwich collection is **Sunday, December 21st @ 4:30 in the Saint Mary School parking lot. *Please note, if there happens to be inclement weather on the collection date, the collection will be cancelled. Safety comes first!** Thank you for living your faith by helping others!



The Annunciation Women's Guild will hold their Christmas Party on Tuesday December 16th in the Holy Spirit Church hall. Doors open at 5:00 pm, with appetizers (Stuffed mushrooms, Baked Brie, cheese and crackers and 3 others to be determined) provided at 5:30 pm, followed by the meal. All Women's Guild members are invited to attend, and each member may bring one guest if they choose to. The evening will include a served family style meal catered by Michaels Catering, a teacup raffle and musical entertainment. The meal consists of the hot and cold appetizers, Chicken Marsala, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Penne Pasta with meat sauce, Garlic roasted red bliss potatoes, Green beans with julienne carrots, Garden salad with rolls and butter, cheesecake, coffee and tea. The musical entertainment will be provided by Tom "T-bone" Stankus. The Women's Guild will subsidize the cost for members only. The cost for the evenings will be \$45 per member only. The cost for a non member/guest is \$60. Response and payment are due by December 4th. Payment by a check should be made out to Annunciation Women's Guild. Please place your payment in a blank envelope, label with Annunciation Women's Guild Christmas Party, include your name and a guest name if appropriate, and put in a collection basket at any Mass at either church by November 29th. Attendees are requested to bring item(s) to be donated to the House of Bread to be distributed to those in need. Items requested include new T-shirts, socks and underwear for Women and Men. You may contact Lynn Lutz at lutz62511@gmail.com or call/text at :860-604-6798 for any questions.



thanksgiving prayer

Thank You, God, for this day of thanksgiving. I am grateful for a day dedicated to gratitude, appreciation, and abundance. Thank you for a table set with food, good people to share it with, and love of You, the divine provider. As

I extend thanks, I am reminded of how difficult it is for those less fortunate to enjoy this holiday. Please, bless them with plenty and watch over us all.



Annunciation Parish
Invites you to join in

Advent Giving

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us turn our hearts and thoughts to those less fortunate and in need. In the spirit of this time of giving, we are asking for Gift Cards only. The gift cards would benefit teenagers struggling with many of life's challenges. Gift Cards such as Amazon, Walmart, Target and CVS would be helpful for our outreach.

Gift Cards may be returned to the rectory at Saint Mary Church or may be placed in the collection baskets with the envelopes marked CHR Christmas.

Thank you for bringing hope and light to their holiday and for your continued generosity and support!

***ALL GIFT CARDS must be returned by Sunday, December 14, 2025 to ensure Timely distribution to all organizations.**

Holiday Remembrance

Saturday, December 6, 2025

We believe that setting aside a time to remember our loved ones during the holiday season brings great peace and much comfort. This year we will again be holding our Holiday Remembrance program at both of our locations.

During the remembrance we will be displaying a photo slideshow of the loved ones we are remembering. If you would like to share a photo for this year's video, please bring a picture to either funeral home location or email a photo (with your loved one's name) to: Krystyna@newingtonmemorial.com

All photos for the DVD must be received by Friday, November 28th.

We invite you to bring an ornament to hang on our tree, or you may design an ornament at the funeral home before the program.

This program is complimentary and open to all.

BURRITT HILL FUNERAL HOME

332 Burritt Street - New Britain

1:00 p.m.

(Registration is from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.)



NEWINGTON MEMORIAL

20 Bonair Avenue - Newington

4:00 p.m.

(Registration is from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.)



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

NOVEMBER 22 - 28, 2025



During a presentation at Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, George Hughes shares photographs of the late Father Philip Cascia.
PHOTO BY KAREN A. AVITABILE



A sizable crowd gathered to learn more about the late Father Cascia.
PHOTO BY KAREN A. AVITABILE

FORTHCOMING BIOGRAPHY WILL CHRONICLE THE LIFE OF A DECEASED PRIEST

The late Father Philip Cascia of the Archdiocese of Hartford was described as a “man of action” for his extensive humanitarian and peace efforts which extended nationally and internationally.

“Father Cascia was a saint in his own, unique way,” said George Hughes, who chokes up when he discusses the priest and his friend. “I’m not the only one affected by this man.”

Hughes of Prospect delivered a presentation on the legacy of Father Cascia at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, an event that drew some 70 attendees.

He highlighted Father Cascia’s multifaceted life, including his diplomatic efforts through sports and the founding of St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Waterbury.

Hughes, a historian and former newspaper correspondent with a passion for writing, is working on a book about Father Cascia’s life. More than 40 interviews have been conducted, he adds, and the research is still underway. “I’m making steady progress on the book,” he said of the writing project.

After a short illness, Father Cascia, 55, died on Jan. 16, 2007, when he was administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. His additional assignments included serving churches in Prospect and Waterbury. He was a prefect at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield.

Father Cascia developed a strong foundation of faith early in life. When he was 6 years old, he began religious training at St. Adalbert Preparatory School in Enfield. After seminary, he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford on May 28, 1977, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

“He knew he wanted to be a priest at a young age,” Hughes added.

The priest also served as chaplain and wrestling coach at Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury. While coaching, he arranged for wrestling teams to travel to the Soviet Union.

Father Cascia was appointed by the late President Ronald Reagan to establish Intersports USA, an international program designed to foster cultural exchanges between American sports teams and those from other nations.

In 1998, the priest was instrumental in organizing a trip for Pope St. John Paul II to Cuba and led a Connecticut delegation. In 2000, Father Cascia was invited by the Vatican to celebrate the pope’s 80th birthday. That same year, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work through Intersports USA.

Father Cascia was founder of St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Waterbury, an organization that aims to combat the root causes of homelessness in the Greater Waterbury area. The mission has grown to provide a wide range of services including a soup kitchen, emergency homeless shelter, thrift store and mental health facilities. It also offers programs for individuals and families with disabilities.

Hughes met Father Cascia in 1979 when he moved to Prospect and joined St. Anthony Church in the town. He said he held the priest in high regard and was grateful for his numerous contributions.

Today, Hughes remains active as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a Bible study teacher and a choir member. He has served on the parish council at St. Anthony Church and was a faith formation teacher.

During his presentation, Hughes scrolled through photos of Father Cascia on a large screen. “Look at the smile on his face,” said Hughes, pointing to one of the photos.

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile



Upcoming Events



Discerning Hearts

ENJOY TEA WITH SISTERS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE AND OTHER WOMEN DISCERNING CONSECRATED LIFE

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 17TH, 2025 6:30-8PM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SR COLLEEN AT 860-368-0826
ALL MEETINGS HELD AT THE AVILA HOUSE - 183 CHURCH STREET, NEWINGTON, CT



12/10 WEDNESDAY, 1-6PM
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
The Lyceum Event Center, 181 Main St, Terryville

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish and the American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 10th, from 1:00 - 6:00 PM, at The Lyceum. You are invited to join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Please use the link to schedule your appointment today: www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TerryvilleCT.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross.



12/8 MONDAY, 6PM
ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION; HEALING AND HOPE THROUGH MARY'S INTERCESSION
St. Mary's Church, 212 Elizabeth St, Derby

This is a bilingual event (Eng/Sp) with: Rosary, Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Testimonial from Vivian Mestey, Veneration of the Pilgrim Image, and Music. Vivian will bring the blessed Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and share her testimony of how God has been working in her life. All are welcome!

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!



Total Goal: \$10M 95.48% as of 11/11/25

\$9,548,117.06 pledges from 28,429 generous donors



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