



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 1, 2026

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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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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THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH
WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED;
listen to him.

MATTHEW 17:5

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O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 – The Second Sunday Of Lent

Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 28th, The Vigil For The Second Sunday Of Lent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Sisto Carroccia, 3rd Anniversary, By The Family

Sunday, March 1st, The Second Sunday Of Lent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Michael Egan, 10th Anniversary,
By His Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Chester DiPietro, By His Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Lucia Cerasani, By Her Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Rose & Robert Colgan, By Their Family

Monday, March 2nd, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Bernice & Teddy Pajor,
By His Sister Stephanie & Family

Tuesday, March 3rd, Lenten Weekday; Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin

H/S 9:00 a.m. Stasia Yanoski, By Stephanie Marcaccio & Family

Wednesday, March 4th, Lenten Weekday; Saint Casimir

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

Thursday, March 5th, Lenten Weekday

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

Friday, March 6th, Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 7th, The Vigil For The Third Sunday Of Lent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Joseph & Shirley Perfido, By The Steck Family

Sunday, March 8th, The Third Sunday Of Lent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Michael Flynn, By The O'Connor Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Maria DiCenso, 2nd Anniversary,
By Her Daughter & Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Elisa Gualtieri, By Her Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Agatha Tilford, By Her Family



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Carlo Simone

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 the inclement weather. 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!



Sunday March 8th, 2026 is daylight savings time:

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, MARCH 1, 2026

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **March 15th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot. ***If there is inclement weather the day of the collection, it is cancelled.**

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, March 1st @ 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

Tuesday, March 3rd there will be an Executive board Meeting and a General Membership meeting on March 10th. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

The next monthly Women's Guild general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026. It will be held in the Holy Spirit church hall at 6:30 pm. The evenings program will be musical entertainment by Irish Guitarist Rodney Brown. New members are welcome to join us at this or any of our meetings.



A Lenten Evening of Reflection:
Jubilee Year of St Francis



Join us Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm

Corpus Christi Church, Wethersfield

with Fr Bill Beaudin, OFM

**"The Civil Message of St Francis
for an Uncivil Time"**

The evening will include a talk and time for prayer
All are welcome!

This talk will be also livestreamed:
www.youtube.com/@christthekingparishweth

We are actively looking for volunteers to serve as Bereavement Ministers for our funerals at both Holy Spirt & Saint Mary's Church. If this is a ministry that you would be able to contribute your time and talents to, please contact Kim at: 860-666-1591.

Scam Emails

Several parishioners have received emails that say they are from the pastor asking for a favor. If you receive one, please know this is a scam and delete the email immediately. Do not open it. The pastor will never text or email you asking for a favor. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

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“And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” *Matthew 17:2*

- **God’s Call to Trust:** God calls Abram to leave his home and go to a new land. This shows that faith means trusting God even when the future is unclear.
- **Jesus Reveals His Glory:** Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain and is transfigured before them. This moment shows that Jesus is more than a teacher—He is the Son of God.
- **Strength in Suffering:** Paul reminds Timothy to be strong in suffering for the Gospel. Following Jesus is not always easy, but God gives strength and grace.
- **God’s Promise of Life:** Paul speaks of God’s plan to bring life through Jesus. This reminds us that God’s call leads to true life, not just for now but forever.
- **Listen to Jesus:** At the Transfiguration, God tells the disciples to listen to His Son. This reminds us to follow Jesus and trust what He teaches.
- **Faith Leads to Blessings:** Abram obeys God and is blessed. Faith in God always leads to something greater, even when we do not see it right away.

The 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A invites us to trust God’s plan. The readings remind us that God leads, strengthens, and blesses those who follow Him.

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Connecticut March For Life

Please join us for the annual **March for Life** on **Wednesday, March 18th, 2026** at the State Capitol in Hartford-(210 Capitol Avenue). The rally at the Capitol will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the March is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. We hope that you will join us as we stand up for the protection of all human life!



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Preparation for the Season of Preparation! During the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, the Church asks us to spend more time in intentional prayer, to fast and abstain from meat on designated days, and to practice charitable giving for the sake of others. Recalling Jesus' forty day fast in the wilderness, we believe that our constant participation in these practices is a form of purification that deepens our spiritual center by stripping away all that is unnecessary and by reminding us of our sole reliance on God. Participating in a spiritual program during Lent allows us to celebrate the Easter Mystery more worthily and allows that celebration to build in excitement and anticipation. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence and all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence means eating no meat. Fasting means eating only one normal sized meal and two smaller meals not exceeding the size of the one meal and not eating in-between meals (no snacks). Those 14 and older are required to abstain from meat; those 18-59 are required to fast, except in cases of special medical conditions that prevent fasting. The essential spiritual act for the season of Lent is to celebrate God's forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This soul saving sacrament is provided many times a week during Lent. The sacrament is celebrated: Friday morning at Holy Spirit Church before Mass from 8:30-8:50 a.m., every Saturday before Mass at Holy Spirit Church from 3:00-3:50 p.m, Sunday from 7:30-7:50 a.m. before Mass at Saint Mary Church and every Tuesday during Holy Hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church. Please see the information below for a special gathering on Fridays before Stations of The Cross for Soup and Bread during Lent. The important thing is that everyone think about and begin a spiritual plan for this season of preparation. This special time of the year that is set apart, in order to be spiritually ready to enter into the great celebration at Easter.

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 6th - Knights of Columbus

Friday March 13th - Annunciaton Women's Guild

Friday March 20th - Eucharistic Ministry

Friday March 27th - CCD 9th and 10th Graders

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



Palm Cross 2026 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
- **\$14 Each**

Please place the order form and payment in a plain envelope labeled "Palm Crosses" and return in the collection basket by **March 15th**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Crosses: _____ x \$14.00 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, March 21st from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information contact:
Bill Mitchell 860-436-2669; wmittchell1927@gmail.com

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COMEDY Fundraiser Event



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Annunciation Parish and Connecticut Comedy For Cash

presents a Night of Comedy

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

at Holy Spirit Church Hall

183 Church St, Newington

Doors at 6PM - Showtime at 7PM

Raffle prizes, Popcorn + BYOB + BYOFood

Donation \$30.00

**For tickets or more information call Jay Dumais
at 860-836-8243 or e-mail: jay11dum@gmail.com**

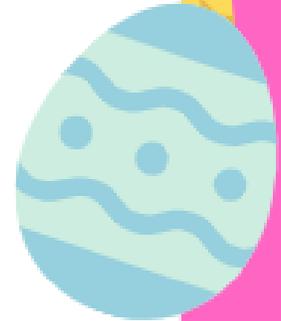
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Help bring comfort, strength, and smiles to children in need! Bunnies for Hunnies has begun its annual collection of new stuffed bunnies to provide joy to children facing difficult life journeys.

Donations will benefit:

- Connecticut Children's Medical Center
- Yale New Haven Children's Hospital
- The Ronald McDonald House
- Prudence Crandall Center
- Many other hospitals, shelters, police stations, and more!



How to Donate:

Please bring a **new** stuffed bunny to **Holy Spirit Church, Saint Mary's Church, or to your religion class.**

Sunday, March 8th - Sunday, March 15th

Your generosity will make a difference in a child's life!

Thank you for your kindness and support.: ❤️ 🐰



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 6, 2026



Dan Elliott proudly holds a copy of his recently published book, *The History of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church*, about the first Italian-American parish in Connecticut. PHOTO BY DAVID ELLIOTT

NEW BOOK UNVEILS STORY OF ST. MICHAEL CHURCH, CONNECTICUT'S FIRST ITALIAN CHURCH

Daniel Elliott cherishes his boyhood memories of celebrating the feast of St. Mary Magdalene on Wooster Street in New Haven, when his parents would dress him in a snappy white suit to watch the procession of bands, Italian religious societies, food vendors and the statue of Santa Maria Maddalena being carried on a platform by parishioners of St. Michael's Church.

"Wooster Street would be festooned with red, white and green garland, and our entire family would stand outside my grandmother's apartment watching," Elliott recalls. "As a kid, I went to Mass at St. Michael's, and all the religious processions were so cool to me."

A parishioner and former trustee of the church, Elliott's love of his Italian heritage and his interest in genealogy inspired him to undertake a nearly three-year project, writing his first book, *The History of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church*, about the first Italian-American parish in Connecticut, founded in 1889 to serve the influx of immigrants.

The 375-page work, which is available on Amazon, is also a chronicle of the Italian community and the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, known as the Scalabrinians, founded by St. John Baptist Scalabrini in 1887 to support immigrants and who staffed the church for almost 120 years.

For more than 130 years, six generations of his family on his mother Barbara Colloso Elliott's side have worshipped at

St. Michael's, which is part of the Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. And while his father David is of Irish, Scottish and English lineage, he has a love of Italian culture and food.

"I always had an interest in St. Michael's history because it seemed to be the most spectacular church," Elliott says. "I've gone there from the time I was a little kid and attended the school until the second grade." Today, the Glastonbury resident and attorney worships there with his wife Lauren and daughters Grace Angelika, 5, and Isla Maddalena, 2.

Elliott's interest led him to Dr. Mary Elizabeth Brown, archivist and historian at the Center for Migration Studies in New York City, where he discovered a treasure trove of material about the church.

"We got to talking, and the idea just came up that maybe I should do a book on St. Michael's," he recalls. "She provided me with access to the records I needed." Elliott's research revealed that then-Bishop Lawrence McMahon

"was relentless in his support of Italian immigrants in New Haven and he went all out to help them." Although acrimony between Irish and Italian communities was common, the

Italian immigrants revered the three Irish priests assigned to them before the Scalabrinians arrived.

Religious societies associated with Italian towns were formed to support immigrants, including the Santa Maria Maddalena Society, St. Trofimenia Society, St. Andrew the Apostle Society, St. Catello Society and the Santa Maria delle Vergini Society, along with a society honoring St. Ann.

His book also describes the work of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart, who arrived in 1906 to help the Italian community and run St. Michael's School. The sisters even began day care so immigrant families could

work in the factories and have a better life.

The generation of immigrants that arrived between 1880 to 1920 is gone, but the church is trying to preserve traditions for younger Italian-Americans.

"We're fortunate to have people who are strongly devoted to this culture and want to preserve these traditions for our kids and grandkids," Elliott says.

"And the way that happens

is for us to continue with the processions and the feasts, and I hope in some small way my book contributes to that."

- Story by Joe Pisani

