



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 15, 2026

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

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annunciationnewington.com

I was blind and *now I see.*

JOHN 9:25



O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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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Rev. Janusz Kukulka, Pastor

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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 Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14th, The Vigil For The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Francis Frascarelli, By The His Family

Sunday, March 15th, The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Gertrude & Charles Jones,
By Their Daughter Margaret

H/S 9:15 a.m. John Webster, By His Wife & Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. The Santangelo Family:
Giuseppe & Antonina & Vincenzo & Elianna,
By The Carducci Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Michael Iskra, 5th Anniversary,
By His Wife Beverly & Children

Monday, March 16th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. James Hurley, By His mother & Sister

Tuesday, March 17th, Lenten Weekday; Saint Patrick, Bishop

H/S 9:00 a.m. Sharon Taratula, By Maryann Macdonald

Wednesday, March 18th, Lenten Weekday; Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

H/S 9:00 a.m. Nick & Genevieve Sarlo, Birthday Remembrance,
By The DeFrancesco Family

Thursday, March 19th, Saint Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary

H/S 9:00 a.m. Fifi Astiasaran, Birthday Remembrance,
By Her Family

Friday, March 20th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Robbie & Bob Couto, By Their Family

Saturday, March 21st, The Vigil For The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Stanislaw Lokiec, Zofia Kusiak &
Franciszek Kusiak,
By Stanislawa Lokiec & Daughters

Sunday, March 22nd, The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

S/M 8:00 a.m. No intention

H/S 9:15 a.m. Joseph & Janina Ziewacz,
By Their Daughter & Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Sebastiano Vittorio Buccilli
By Their Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Richard Tinto, By His Wife & Family



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.”

In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Beverly Blair

Valerie Casasanta

Camille Guerrette

Maria Menta

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

Parish Support

March 8, 2026

Weekly \$12,715

Online Giving \$4,546

Total \$17,261

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



The Sanctus Lamp is lit at:

Holy Spirit Church
on March 15th-21st

For: **John Webster**

By: His Wife Lorraine



PARISH CALENDAR, MARCH 15, 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, April 5th @ 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, April 7th there will be an Executive board Meeting and a General Membership meeting on April 14th .

All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

The Women's Guild next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday April 14th, 2026. It will begin with a Mass at 5:00 p.m. presided over by Father Janusz Kukulka in the Holy Spirit Church. A short business meeting will follow the Mass in the Holy Spirit church hall. The guild will provide a light supper for members. The evenings program will be: The Sisters of The Eucharist who will provide a Host Preparation demonstration.



This week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at: **www.usccb.org/catholic-relief**.

iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Thank you for your generosity.



Xavier High School's **34th Annual Black and White Auction** will be held on **March 21st, 2026** starting at 5pm at Xavier High School (181 Randolph Rd in Middletown). We invite all alumni, current families as well as all supporters of Xavierian Brothers' mission to join us! All funds raised go directly to support the students, faculty, programs and the facility.

This year's theme, **Staying Alive** lets us give the 70s and 80s another try! 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.xavier63@gmail.com 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

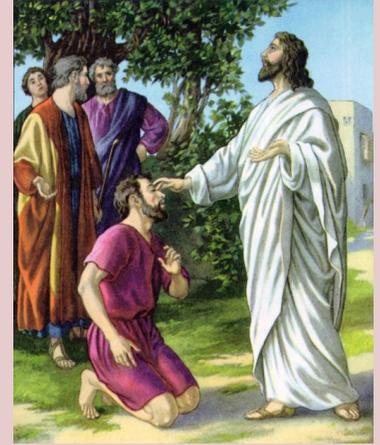


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“One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” *John 9:25*

The 4th Sunday of Lent Year A invites us to reflect on seeing with the eyes of faith. The readings show how God looks at the heart, brings light to darkness, and heals spiritual blindness.

- **Seeing as God Sees:** God chooses David because of his heart, not his appearance. This reminds us to value inner goodness and to look beyond outward appearances.
- **Light and Darkness:** Believers are called to live as children of light. This means rejecting sin and letting Christ’s light guide our actions.
- **Spiritual Blindness and Sight:** Jesus heals the man born blind, revealing spiritual blindness in those who refuse to believe. This shows the importance of faith and openness to God’s truth.
- **Faith and Conversion:** The blind man’s journey from physical healing to faith in Jesus shows a deep conversion. This challenges us to grow in faith and recognize Jesus as the Son of God.
- **God’s Choice and Calling:** God chooses David, the unlikely shepherd, to be king. This shows that God often chooses the humble and overlooked to fulfill His plans.
- **Courage to Witness:** The healed man boldly defends Jesus before the Pharisees. His courage inspires us to stand up for our faith, even when challenged.



The 4th Sunday of Lent Year A challenges us to open our hearts to God’s light and see with faith. It calls us to grow in trust, courage, and love for Christ.

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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!



COMEDY Fundraiser Event
GIVE LAUGH

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

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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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 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

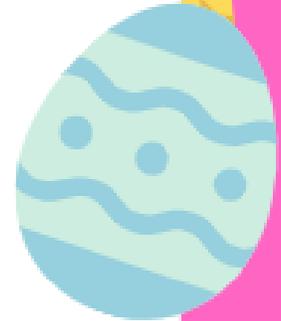
Crosses will be available for pick up at Holy Spirit Church Hall on Saturday, March 21st from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information contact:

Bill Mitchell 860-436-2669; wmittchell1927@gmail.com



Bunnies for Hunnies



Bunnies for Hunnies Annual Stuffed Bunny Collection

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.:  



EASTER EGG HUNT



MARCH 22
2026

Free
Entry

**Pictures with
the Easter Bunny**

Church of the Holy Spirit, Newington, CT
Starts at 10:15 am

EVERYONE WELCOME

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Knights of Columbus
Assembly 133
will host a



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

PANCAKES, HAM,
EGGS, SAUSAGE,
DANISH, HOME FRIES
& BEVERAGES

\$10-Adult
\$5-under 12
Free-under 3



MARCH 29TH | 8am-11am
@ Holy Spirit Church Hall
183 Church St, Newington, CT 0611

We will be selling tickets at:
Saint Mary Church on March 15
Holy Spirit Church on March 21&22

WALK-IN PAYMENTS ARE WELCOME

FOR ANY QUESTIONS:
Contact Faithful Navigator
Ray Dunn
Phone: 860-878-0467

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT OUR BROTHER, PURPLE HEART VETERAN
SERGEANT MAJOR SIR KNIGHT ROB ROY, DURING HIS RECOVERY**

