



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 8, 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

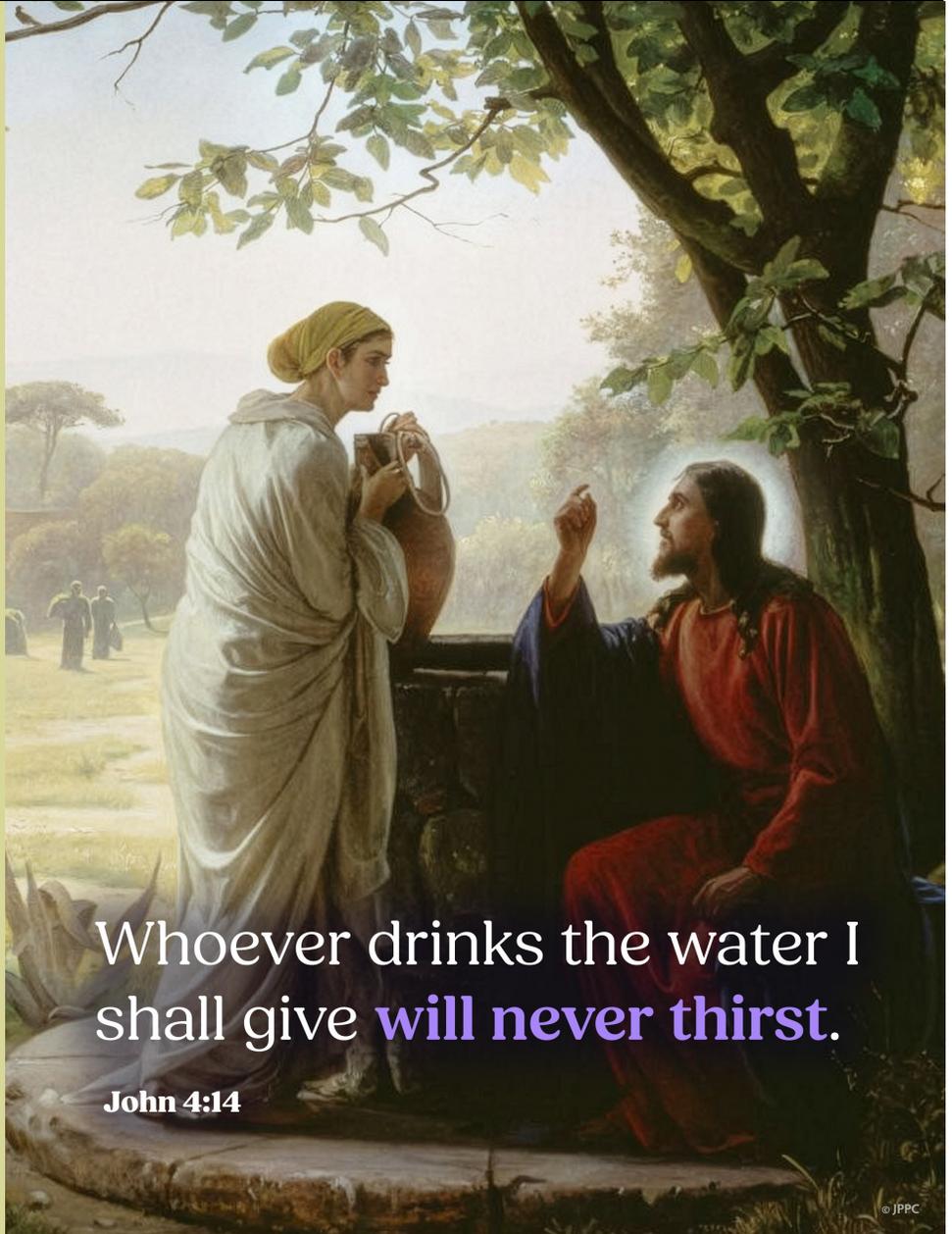
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday
9:00 am, HS

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



O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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

Rev. Janusz Kukulka, Pastor

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Msgr. James Kinnane

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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 Third Sunday Of Lent

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

Sunday 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 9th, Lenten Weekday; Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

H/S 9:00 a.m. Martin Furiel & Albert Revicki,
5th Anniversary, By The Yurko Family

Tuesday, March 10th, Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday, March 11th, Lenten Weekday

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

Thursday, March 12th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Walter Grudzien, By His Sisters

Friday, March 13th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Gerald Petrillo, By Patty & Bill Rotatori

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



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 Support

February 22, 2026

Weekly \$10,718

Online Giving \$3,912

Total \$14,630

Parish Support

March 1, 2026

Weekly \$13,713

Online Giving \$3,831

Total \$17,544

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



PARISH CALENDAR, MARCH 8, 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 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.



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. **iGiveCatholic** also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online. Thank you for your generosity.



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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CULTURA VITAE

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Open House & Info Session
Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 1:00 pm
30 Pendleton Road, New Britain, CT 06053

Learn More &
APPLY NOW!
ChestertonSFA.org

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“Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water”. *John 4:15*

The 3rd Sunday of Lent in Year A focuses on themes of faith, conversion, and God’s desire to fill us with new life. The readings show us God’s response to human needs and how He calls us to turn to Him with open hearts.

- **Spiritual Thirst:** The Israelites thirsted in the desert, and the woman at the well thirsted for something deeper in life. God wants to satisfy our thirst for meaning and truth.
- **God’s Faithfulness:** God provides water to the Israelites in the desert and offers living water through Jesus to the Samaritan woman. These stories remind us that God is always faithful, even when we struggle to trust Him.
- **Repentance and Conversion:** The Samaritan woman’s encounter with Jesus changes her life. Lent is a time to repent and let God transform us just as He transformed her.
- **God’s Love for Sinners:** Jesus meets the Samaritan woman where she is, despite her sins and past. God does not turn away from us but invites us to receive His mercy.
- **Jesus, the Living Water:** Jesus speaks of the living water that brings eternal life. He alone can fulfill our deepest longings and give us life that never fades.
- **Witness and Evangelization:** After meeting Jesus, the Samaritan woman goes back to her town and shares her experience. Her witness shows us that sharing our faith can lead others to seek Jesus.
- **Peace Through Reconciliation:** St. Paul writes about the peace we have with God through Jesus. Lent calls us to seek this peace by being reconciled to God and others.

In Lent, the Church invites us to open our hearts to God’s love and mercy. The readings on the 3rd Sunday of Lent in Year A encourage us to deepen our faith and let God refresh our spirits.



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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 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

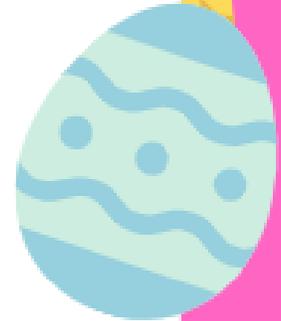
Crosses will be available for pick up at Holy Spirit Church Hall on Saturday, March 21st from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information contact:

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



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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Newington
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

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SERGEANT MAJOR SIR KNIGHT ROB ROY, DURING HIS RECOVERY**

