



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

The Fourth Sunday Of Easter, April 21, 2024

## **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

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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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i will lay down  
**MY LIFE**  
for the sheep

JOHN 10:15



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Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 21, 2024

### 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. Robert Morgewicz, Pastor**

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#### Sacramental Ministries

##### Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, visit our website: [www.annunciationnewington.com](http://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 with your parish.

##### 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 EASTER

**Monday** Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday** Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday** Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday** 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

**Friday** Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday** Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday** Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 21, 2024

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 20th, The Vigil For The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Rena Laughlin & John Bennett, By The Phelan Family & Salvator, Marianna & Helen Buccino, By Their Daughter in-law

### Sunday, April 21st, The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Emile Pelletier, By His Wife Margaret

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Ann Profetti, 32nd Anniversary, By Her Daughters

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Jim Smola, 4th Anniversary, By His Wife

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Joseph Rao, By The Rao Family

### Monday, April 22nd, Easter Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Joseph Catania, By Bob & Barbara Frazier

### Tuesday, April 23rd, Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Edward E. Lessard, By Rose & John DiSarro

### Wednesday, April 24th, Saint Fidelis Of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Kathleen Newhart, By Edwina Sirois

### Thursday, April 25th, Saint Mark, Evangelist

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Julie Giansanti, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild

### Friday, April 26th, Easter Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Janet Sevigny, By Mr. and Mrs. John Rocco

### Saturday, April 27th, The Vigil For The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Paula & Vincenzo Radinieri & Jennie Radinieri, By The Radinieri Family

### Sunday, April 28th, The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Anita Fairwood, 6th Anniversary, By Richard & Ronald Fairwood & Maureen Kievman

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Daniel & Emma Stigliano, Anniversary Remembrance, By Their Family

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Richard Roccapiore, 2nd Anniversary, By His Daughter

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Antonio Passacantando, By His Beloved 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...

**Angela Cirigliano  
Breen Bernard, Sr.**

**Marguerite M. Gibbon  
Barbara Kelly**

**James F. Kupec**

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

## Parish Support

### April 14, 2024

Weekly	\$10,253.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,327.00
Total	\$13,580.00

## Eucharistic Adoration

### **Holy Spirit Church**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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

\***On April 26**, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, **The New Britain Council of Catholic Women** will hold its April meeting. This will be **at 1pm** at St. Jerome's Church. Note that this is a Friday, rather than our usual meeting day of Thursday. We will celebrate this special day with a reflection by Deacon Alan and a culmination of the Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel. A fair-trade pop-up store with proceeds benefiting our Ukraine Charity Fund will follow our meeting. Please bring a friend!

## **The Fourth Sunday Of Easter Explained:**

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called **Good Shepherd Sunday** because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

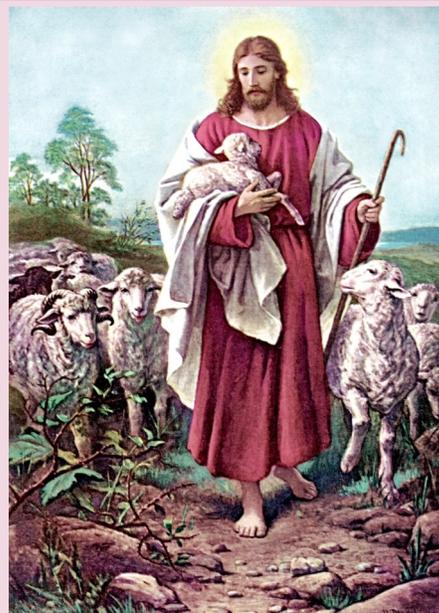
Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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## **Good Shepherd Weekend Marks the Annual Day of Prayer for Vocations**

The following is from Pope Francis's letter on this Day of Prayer:

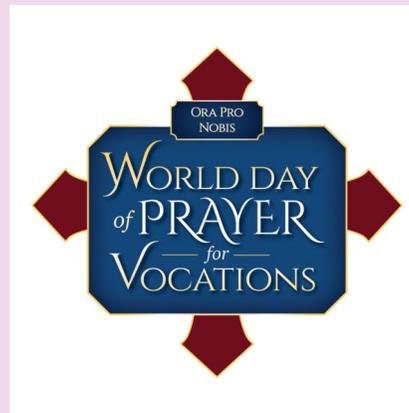
"Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty, even in the name of a religious ideal, is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment...I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom..."

### **FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Father, increase our family's love for one another.  
May we honor each other in times of happiness or hardship,  
bearing with one another in love, just as You love us.  
In a special way, help us strive for holiness in our current states of life.  
Should You call some of us to the priesthood or religious life,  
help us to respond with courage and joy.  
Together, we make heaven our goal, and pledge, with Your grace,  
to help each other on life's journey to You.  
Through the intercession of the Holy Family:  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Amen.  
Amen



## PARISH CALENDAR, APRIL 21, 2024

### **The Knights Sandwich Ministry**

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **April 21st** at **4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot. Thank you for living your faith by helping others! Thank you everyone for your generosity! For March we collected approximately 520 sandwiches, cookies, crackers, homemade muffins, and granola bars for Hartford Shelters. The Shelters assist over 160 individuals daily and are very grateful for our donations. They use the sandwiches for lunches, late-meals, walk-in's and outreach programs.

### **The Prayer Shawl Group**

meets the **third Thursday** of every month at **12:30 p.m.** @ The Holy Spirit Church Hall.

### **The Men's Club**

...meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month, @ **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**

**Executive Board Meeting:** Monday, **May 6th**, 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Hall.

### **Save The Dates:**

**April 27th, The Sacrament of Confirmation at 10:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

**May 4th, The Annual Parish Comedy Night. Tickets are now available.** For tickets and more information, please call Jay Dumais at: 860-836-8243 or email him at: [jay11dum@gmail.com](mailto:jay11dum@gmail.com)  
**\*Setups are available**

**May 5th, The May Crowning** after the **10:30am** Mass at **St. Mary**. All are welcome to attend.

**May 10th and May 11th, The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild** will hold their 2024 **Annual Plant Sale** from: **9:00- 2:00 pm in the Holy Spirit Church Hall**. The proceeds from this fundraiser allows us to help our local community organizations. Plants will include geraniums, annuals, herbs, some vegetables, hanging baskets and planters. The Geraniums will be available at \$4.75 per plant. The colors include: red, white, magenta and pink. Please pre-order the geraniums by April 28th. Contact Jackie Gilligan at: 860-667-1441 or Jean Fuzie at: 860-667-0690 with any questions.



### **May Crowning of Mary**

Please join us for a day to celebrate our Blessed Mother! On Sunday, **May 5th**, the Office of Religious Education and our First Communicants will be leading a May Crowning after the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary. All are welcome to attend!

### **The Annunciation Women's Guild will host a Victorian Tea on Sunday May 19th, 2024, 2-4 p.m.**

All adults are invited to attend. The tea and 3 courses of light finger food and dessert will be provided by Cafe Louise Catering of West Hartford, and served family style. The doors will open at:1:15 pm. The tea service will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by entertainment. A speaker from the Connecticut Historical Society will present a program on "Something Old, Something New; Connecticut Weddings Through The Ages". A tea cup raffle and hat contest will also be held. Everyone is encouraged to dress in their Tea Party best and wear a hat/fascinator.

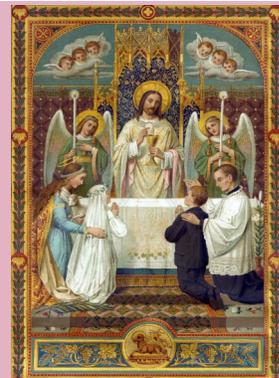
Attendees are requested to donate a new personal care item (ex. tooth brush/paste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc) to be given to the Newington Human Services for those in need. The cost for this event is **\$20 per person**. Checks should be made payable to Annunciation Women's Guild. Tickets will be available to Women's Guild members to purchase at the April 9th meeting. Any remaining tickets will then be sold after April 9th. Please contact Susan Haynes at: 860-231-7864 with any questions.



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

## **Congratulations to our First Communicants!**

Please join us in praying for our First Communicants who received the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. The Eucharist is the *source and summit* of our Christian life, and we are so thrilled for the students and their families.



## **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll and Member Drive**

The KofC will hold our annual **Tootsie Roll Drive** after all Masses on Saturday and **Sunday, April 20/21, at Holy Spirit Church**. Donations benefit intellectually challenged children and adults, i.e. Harc Inc and Newington's Challengers Baseball Team. At the same Masses, KofC Knights will be available at the doors to speak with Catholic men 18 and older interested in the KofC during our **Membership Drive**. Our Newington KofC is an active organization that supports our Parish, Community, and Families. Individuals may decide how much time to contribute to our organization. Thank-you!



Congratulations to: **Benjamin Gutsfeld, Hudson Patz, and Paul Stoppa** on being named to the Honor Roll during the third quarter at Xavier High School!

## **Comedy Night Returns!**

Tickets will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses: **St. Mary on April 21st & 28th and at Holy Spirit on April 27th-28th**

Doors open at **6:00 p.m.** and the show starts at **7:00 p.m.**  
Tickets are **\$25.00 each**



Family Friendly Show

50/50 Raffle, Popcorn & Raffle Prizes

For more information please call Jay Dumais @ 860-836-8243 or email: jay11dum@gmail.com