



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

The Fifth Sunday Of Easter, April 28, 2024

PARISH OFFICE

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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:

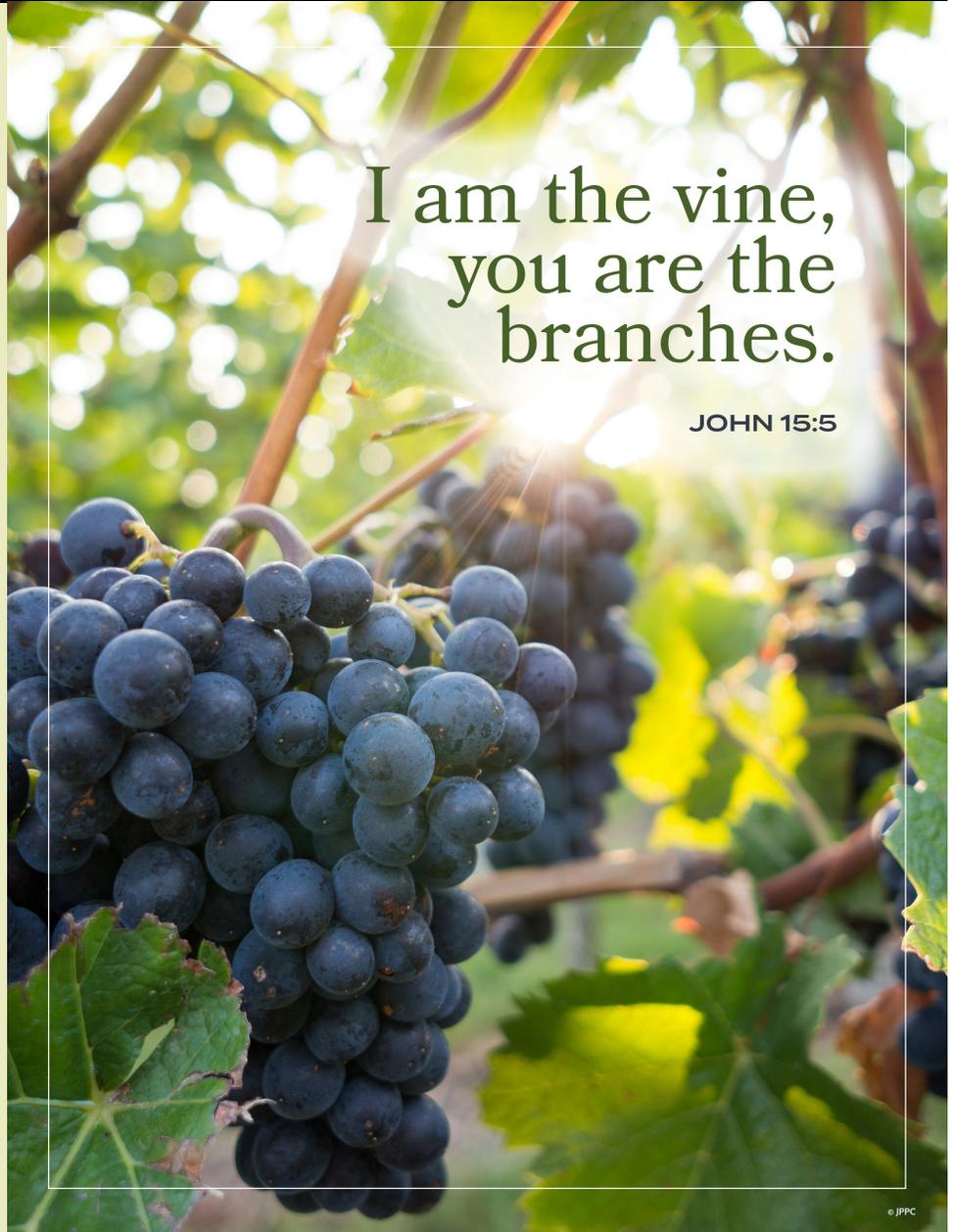
8:00 am, SM

9:15 am, HS

10:30 am, SM

12:00 pm, HS

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annunciationnewington.com



I am the vine,
you are the
branches.

JOHN 15:5

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14

Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 29th, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Benjamin Zacharias, By His Family

Tuesday, April 30th, Saint Pius V, Pope

H/S 9:00 a.m. Anthony, Albert & Jenny Rizzo, By Their Family

Wednesday, May 1st, Saint Joseph the Worker

H/S 9:00 a.m. Jacqueline Levesque, By Edwina Sirois

Thursday, May 2nd, Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. John Cox, By The Annunciation Parish
Women's Guild

Friday, May 3rd, Saint Philip & James, Apostles

H/S 9:00 a.m. Walter Diluszcak & Family, By The Family

Saturday, May 4th, The Vigil For The Sixth Sunday Of Easter

H/S 4:00 p.m. Adella Albro, By Her Family

Sunday, May 5th, The Sixth Sunday Of Easter

S/M 8:00 a.m. Theresa Bibeault, By Dave Hayes

H/S 9:15 a.m. Arthur Rasimas, By His Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Clifton Paradis, 5th Anniversary, By His Son

H/S 12:00 p.m. Loretta Raynock, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild



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...

Normand Schmidt

Jean Starkowski

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

Parish Support

April 21, 2024

Weekly \$9,235.00

Online Giving \$4,481.00

Total \$13,716.00

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



***St. Lucian's, a senior living residence in New Britain, is having an Open House on: May 18th, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for anyone interested in attending. Please call: 860-223-2123 for more information. Thank you!**





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ten years represent a good part of anyone's life. That's pretty much how long I've been your Archbishop. In some ways it seems like just yesterday that I arrived in Hartford in December of 2013. In other ways, it seems like long ago and a lot of water, as they say, has passed under the bridge.

Life today presents many daunting challenges, especially for the Church. I am grateful for the understanding and support of you, our Catholic people, and the collaboration of so many talented, dedicated and competent individuals—clergy, religious and laity—all of whom have made these ten years possible and dare I say, fruitful, in the sense of bringing forth good for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. All of our priests in particular are owed a debt of gratitude as my closest and indispensable co-workers in shepherding, sanctifying and teaching the flock entrusted to us.

There are many things that I could say about all that has happened over the past decade. Let me just highlight a few significant things.

As for so many dioceses in our country and throughout the world, "pastoral planning" looms large over these last ten years in an effort that is still "a work in progress" to revitalize

parish life by bringing parishioners together as they are today, not as they once were in the past and are no more. The same can be said of our schools, which are now enjoying new growth and vitality in keeping with their Catholic identity.

The Scriptures, and Jesus Himself, praise good stewardship. On behalf of all those who have benefited, I want to thank everyone for your generosity over the past decade to your parish, to special collections, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and the "Forward with Faith" capital campaign, as well as Catholic Charities and many other "good works" that are an essential part of a life of faith.

More than one saint has spoken of the fact that in a mystical sense Christ continues to be crucified until the end of time. Remember how even after His Resurrection, Jesus mysteriously still bears on His body the marks of His wounds. His mystical body, the Church, suffers from betrayal and sin. In our own time nothing shows this more than the sin and crime of sexual abuse of the vulnerable. I can only say that leaving no stone unturned we now have the benefit of knowing that all clergy with some connection to the Archdiocese who have either had a credible claim of sexual abuse of a minor asserted against them, or who have been the subject of a claim of a sexual abuse of a minor that was settled by the Archdiocese, have been identified and their names published. Learning from the past, we remain ever vigilant and proactive in preventing this evil, and we pray for the healing of victims.

My brothers and sisters, the times in which we live are a test of hope. Many people are discouraged by the direction in which our country and the world appear to be headed. In the Church too we witness a diminishment of faith and practice, and are stunned at the reality of sin even among those of us who are clergy. And if we are true to what the Church teaches from Christ and the Gospel about faith and morals, we will quickly bring upon ourselves the world's criticism.

Yet in all this, as Pope St. John Paul often reminded us, we have no reason to lose hope, or to falter in our steps, or to put on a glum face. Hope is possible to the extent that we place our trust in Christ's promises rather than anything this world has to offer. If our hope was set on a perfect world, or even a perfect Church, created by human beings, then we would have cause for despair. But God is the Lord of the world and of the Church. Mysteriously He makes all things—good and bad—serve His plan and purpose, which is the triumph of His kingdom, and our triumph to the extent that we are "in Christ."

PARISH CALENDAR, APRIL 28, 2024

Letter continued:

God does not disappoint. Like a distant horizon, our future and the purpose of our life may elude us, but only because the goal transcends what we now can see. The danger is not that life is hopeless. The danger, as St. Augustine says, is that on our journey toward hope's goal we may become so distracted by our surroundings that we forget where we are headed. In this fallen world sometimes the distractions of life consist of things that are very good, sometimes very evil. Only a healthy sense of hope in the midst of good and evil keeps us moving forward on our journey to God.

The wisdom of these words does not come from me, but from the heart of the Church— from the Catholic Faith handed down faithfully and lived heroically by all the saints, whether they are saints on the Church calendar, or God's little ones hidden and known only by their relatives, neighbors and friends.

It is this hope-filled message that I wish to leave with you as I complete my ministry as your Archbishop. To all those who offered me their help, support and encouragement; to those who gave me that precious gift we call "the benefit of the doubt" amid all the voices raised in troubled times; to those who have prayed with me and for me; to those who had a heart for the whole Archdiocese as one family of faith; and above all to those who strive every day to live and bear witness to their Catholic faith in Christ to the best of their ability, I say: Thank you and God bless you.

As we welcome Archbishop Christopher Coyne as the next Archbishop of Hartford, may Mary our Mother, St. Joseph, and Blessed Michael McGivney, intercede for him, so that, in the words of the liturgy, "what he has received by divine commission he may fulfill by divine assistance" for the glory of God and the good of souls.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair

Archbishop of Hartford

Save The Dates:

May 4th, @ The Holy Spirit Church Hall. The Annual Parish **Comedy Night.**

SOLD OUT!

***Setups are available**

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

May 10th and **May 11th,** The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild **Annual Plant Sale** from: **9:00- 2:00 pm** in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

May 19, 2024, The Women's Guild **Victorian Tea** with entertainment.



The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **May 19th** at **4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot. Thank you for living your faith by helping others!

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 p.m.** @ The Holy Spirit Church Hall.
Contact: Angelo Marchetti at: (860) 202-1612

The Women's Guild

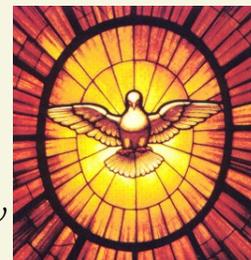
Executive Board Meeting: Monday, **May 6th,** @ **6:30 p.m.** in The Holy Spirit Church Hall.

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Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed

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

“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.”



The Annunciation Parish

Women’s Guild Annual Plant Sale will be held from: **9:00- 2:00 p.m. May 10th** and **May 11th in the Holy Spirit Church Hall**. The proceeds from this fundraiser allows us to help our local community organizations.

The 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.

Summer Experiences for Children and Youth

Are you scheduling summer activities for your children? Why not give them a **Franciscan Land-based Summer Experience**. Activities for children ages 6-12 include gardening, animal and environmental care, sports, campfire bread making, arts, and crafts.

Youth Leadership for 13-14 year olds transitioning to high school. The youth engage in confidence and team building activities promoting leadership, self-esteem, and communication skills.

Date: July 29 to August 2, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: John Lateran Center and *Franciscan Life Center* campus: 405 Allen Avenue and 271 Finch Avenue, Meriden.

Register at flcenter.org or call 203-237-8084

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!

NEW Vocations Committee Forming

The Archdiocese of Hartford is beginning a new program asking for each parish in the Archdiocese to have a committee to assist in promoting vocations.

The Mission of the Vocations Program: to encourage vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, religious life, Catholic marriage and family, the consecrated life and single life – to take a stand against the decline of the Church in Connecticut and do something new to promote new energy and growth.

If you have any questions, ideas to share or would like to assist, please contact:

Jackie and Paul MacNeill 860-665-8281 macfam3@cox.net

Father Morgewicz 860-666-1591 fr.morgewicz@aohct.org

Stay tuned for details about “Call By Name Sunday” on June 9, 2024.

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

Director of Vocations of the Archdiocese of Hartford:

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