



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 21, 2025

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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Behold, the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son, and they shall
name him Emmanuel

Matthew 1:23

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. 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 – Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Monday 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday Morning 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79

Thursday Vigil Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Thursday Night Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Thursday Dawn Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20

Thursday Day Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22

Saturday 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20th, The Vigil For The Fourth Sunday Of Advent

H/S 4:00 p.m. James & Mary McDonald & John & Mary Hamm,
By Dennis & Marge McDonald

Sunday, December 21st, The Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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

H/S 9:15 a.m. Fr. William Dudak, By SFHSN Class of 1958

S/M 10:30 a.m. Vincenzo Carducci, By His Children

H/S 12:00 p.m. Clement & Eric Gebo, By Their Family

Monday, December 22nd, Advent Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Patti Assmus, By Donald Hall & Family

Tuesday, December 23rd, Advent Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Oscar Wojtanowski, By The Family

Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

H/S 4:00 p.m. Pro Populo

S/M 4:00 p.m. Pro Populo

S/M 10:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Thursday, December 25th, The Nativity Of The Lord

S/M 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo

H/S 9:15 a.m. Pro Populo

Friday, December 26th, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Doris Giliberto, 2nd Anniversary &
Concetto Germano, 13th Anniversary,
By Their Family

Saturday, December 27th, The Vigil For The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

H/S 4:00 p.m. Norma Martin, By Her Husband, Robert

Sunday, December 28th, The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

S/M 8:00 a.m. Ann-Marie Bolduc, By Liliane Bureau

H/S 9:15 a.m. Fr. Eugene Tortey, By SFHSN Class of 1958

S/M 10:30 a.m. Giovanni Carducci, By His Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. David Turgeon, By His Grandmother



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Irene McDonald

Collection Amounts will be posted in the next bulletin due to early deadlines. *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



***We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. Thank you!**

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, DECEMBER 21, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday,
December 21st at 4:30 pm in the Saint Mary
School parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, January 4th @ 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

**The Women's Guild will not hold any
meetings in January.** They will resume in
February. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in
the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

Special Music Christmas Eve:

***Saint Mary will have a
mini concert beginning
at 3:15 p.m. before the
4:00 p.m. Mass and at 9:15
p.m. before the 10:00 p.m.
Mass. The St. Mary Choir and Sarah's family of
singers will present.**

***There will be special instrumental music at
the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit.**

May the music increase our Christmas joy!



Christmas 2025 Mass Schedule:

12/24, Christmas Vigils:

4:00 pm (Holy Spirit and St. Mary),
10:00 pm (St. Mary's)

12/25, Christmas Day:

8:00 am (St. Mary's)
9:15 am (Holy Spirit),



THANK YOU!

For your generous Christmas Flower
Donations, Advent Giving & Seminarian
Christmas Gift Cards. Your thoughtfulness
and generosity are greatly appreciated!!



Christmas Notes

To you and your families,
We extend greetings from the entire
staff at Annunciation Parish.
Be assured of our prayers during this
holy season,
and our wish is that your hearts may
know the joy of the presence of Christ
at Christmas
and throughout the New Year.
Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Grace-filled New Year!

God Bless,

*The Priests, Deacons & Staff of
Annunciation Parish*

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Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Luke 1:42

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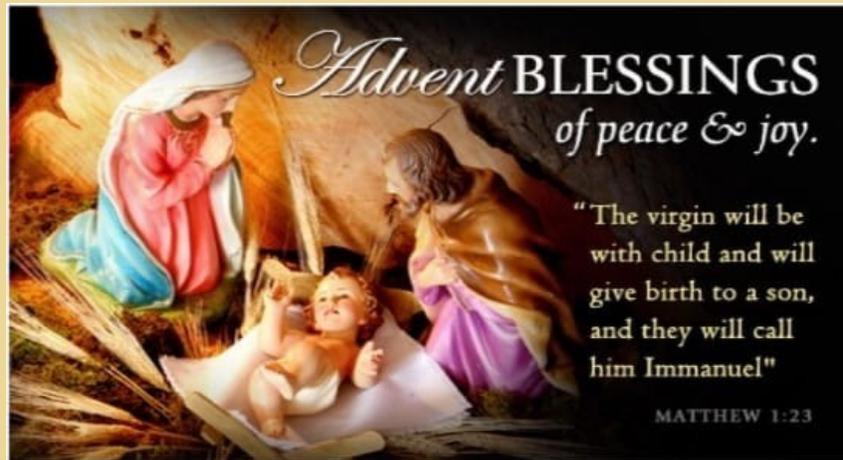
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 - **Humble Beginnings:** Jesus is born in Bethlehem, a small town. This shows that God often works through humble beginnings.
 - **Obedience to God:** Jesus came to do God's will. He shows us the importance of obeying God.
 - **Joyful Expectation:** Mary visits Elizabeth, and they rejoice. This reminds us to be joyful as we wait for Jesus.
 - **Blessed Among Women:** Elizabeth calls Mary blessed. Mary is blessed because she believed God's word.
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An Advent Prayer for The Lord to Come

This Christmas, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.
As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.

The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.
You came as a baby born in a manger.
Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,
Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.

Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,
when He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth.
Immanuel, *God with us*, Your presence came that night.
And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His Light."

"Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.
Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.
Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all.

Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice.
Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise.
Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.

This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.
Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day.
Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.

~ by **Renee Swope**