



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, DECEMBER 28, 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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Rise, take the child and
his mother, flee to Egypt.

Matthew 2:13

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.

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 Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Monday 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18

Thursday Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Friday 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28

Saturday 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Sunday Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 29th, Fifth Day Within The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

H/S 9:00 a.m. Antonio & Maridonia Manocchio,
By Their Great Granddaughter, Angela

Tuesday, December 30th Sixth Day Within The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

H/S 9:00 a.m. Linus & Maureen Steck, Birthday Remembrance,
By Their Family

Wednesday, December 31st, Seventh Day Within The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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

H/S 4:00 p.m. No intention

Thursday, January 1st, Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

H/S 9:00 a.m. Mathew Chacko

S/M 12:10 p.m. No intention

Friday, January 2nd, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

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

Saturday, January 3rd, The Vigil For The Epiphany Of The Lord

H/S 4:00 p.m. Jerry Griffin, By A Friend

Sunday, January 4th, The Epiphany Of The Lord

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

H/S 9:15 a.m. Fr. Joshua Wilbur, By The Annunciation Parish
Women's Guild

S/M 10:30 a.m. Gloria Edgerton, By The Annunciation Parish
Women's Guild

H/S 12:00 p.m. David Turgeon, Birthday Remembrance,
By His Family

In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Shirley Perfido

Patrick St. Pierre

Philip P. Tierney

Parish Support

December 14, 2025

Weekly \$8,403

Online Giving \$4,982

Total \$13,385

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

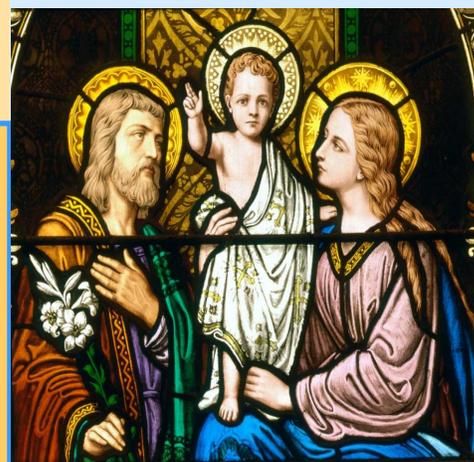
Tuesday Evenings

*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!



Please welcome into our parish family, the following child who was recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

Nico Nunes Grajales



PARISH CALENDAR, DECEMBER 28, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **January 18th 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.



The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Thursday, January 1st

H/S 9:00 a.m.

S/M 12:10 p.m.

January 1st: A Special Day In Our Church

By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that he is both human and divine. There is a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating this holy day during the heart of the Christmas season. Pope Paul VI called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace." This highlight of Jesus as the Prince of Peace has encouraged the Church since 1967 to designate this day as a "world day of peace."

The concept that Mary is the mother of God was not always easily accepted. In the course of history there have been severe debates as to whether or not Mary should be called the mother of God. Some argued that she should be called the Mother of Christ but not Mother of God. These arguments were settled by the Church in the year 431 at the Council of Ephesus when the bishops of the world when they met to discuss the topic. It was concluded that because Jesus is of divine origin, he is a divine person since his father is God. Mary gave birth to this divine person and through this logic must be called the mother of God, *theotokos*, in Greek meaning "God-bearer". We celebrate our Mother's day in prayer to God for his special favor to her. May we all receive our Lady's protection and blessings during this new year. Mary...Pray for us!



Happy New Year To All

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The Feast of The Holy Family celebrates the love and unity found in the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It invites reflection on family life and the values that strengthen these bonds.

- **Honor and Respect in Families:** The first reading emphasizes honoring parents, showing that respect within families brings blessings and strengthens relationships. Caring for parents, especially in their old age, is a way to live out God's commandment.
- **Love and Kindness at Home:** The second reading from Colossians calls for compassion, kindness, and patience within families. These virtues build harmony and reflect Christ's love in daily life.
- **Forgiveness and Peace:** Families are encouraged to forgive one another and live in peace. This echoes the call to let Christ's peace rule in hearts, fostering unity and understanding.
- **Obedience and Guidance:** Joseph's obedience to God's guidance in the Gospel shows the importance of trusting God's plan for the family. His example of leadership and protection inspires responsible and loving parenthood.
- **Faith and Trust in God:** The Holy Family's journey to Egypt demonstrates faith and trust in God's protection during hardships. Families are reminded to rely on God during difficult times.
- **Role of Parents and Children:** The readings highlight the roles of parents as caregivers and teachers, and children as respectful and obedient. These roles support a nurturing and loving home environment.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus lived in an ordinary family filled with love and faith. Mary and Joseph cared for Him and trusted God, even in hard times. Their simple home was guided by prayer and obedience. This feast teaches us that God works through family life and that love grows through patience, kindness, and daily care.

We are called to follow their example in our own families. The readings remind us to honor parents, forgive each other, and live in peace. Like Joseph, we can listen for God's guidance and protect those we love. The Holy Family shows that faith, love, and trust make every home a place where God is present.

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The Transfer of Seasons

The Advent Season, the season of joyful anticipation ends with Christmas Eve, the celebration of that joyful event and the start of the Christmas Season. One of the most depressing sights to see and hear or, more to the fact, not see and not hear is any reference to Christmas once December 25th ends. The radio stations stop playing Christmas music and the curbs of our neighborhoods see the piling up of discarded trees. The great event of our Saviors birth cannot be contained in just one day, it is a celebration of an entire season, hence the popular song the “Twelve Days of Christmas.”

The season of Christmas begins with Christmas Eve and traditionally ended with the Epiphany. Currently the Church sees the Christmas Season extended through to the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 11, 2026. This season, ending with the Baptism of the Lord makes sense because the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist is not a baptism of forgiveness of sins but an event that ushers in Jesus’ acceptance of his role as suffering Messiah, the mission that he accepts in obedience to his Father so that salvation can be brought to the world. Just as in Advent when we were to wait to celebrate Christmas, once Christmas is celebrated we are not to end the celebrating too soon. Celebrating until the Baptism of the Lord on January 11th means supplying water to our trees and plugging in those lights a little longer than our neighbors. May the joys and excitement of Christmas be in your hearts each and every day of the Christmas season!



“Prayers For The New Year”

To focus on God:

"Lord, help me not to lean on my own understanding but in everything acknowledge You so that You can direct my words, thoughts and actions. Let this be the year you strengthen me to bear sorrow and pain, to tread any path, and to find joy in Your presence always".

For guidance and strength:

"Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. As we face the unknown, we ask for your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our path so we may walk in your ways and make choices that align with your will. Grant us strength and courage to rely on your mighty power".

For renewal and wisdom:

"Gracious God, we come before you seeking renewal in the new year. Renew our minds, our hearts, and our spirits. May we be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit, leaving behind the old and embracing the new that you have in store for us. Give me wisdom from your truths and a desire to faithfully follow after you more than any other thing".

For a life of purpose and blessings:

"Father, thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives. Thank you that your favor has no end. We ask that we would walk in your blessing and goodness today. Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that you have given us to do. Give us wisdom to hear your voice and make us strong by your great favor and grace".

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Rev. Janusz Kukulka

Annunciation Parish

2025 Annual Collection

Campaign Statistics as of 12/11/2025

Total # of Households:	2,754
Total # Pledged:	285
% of Participation:	10.35%
Total Amount Pledged	\$73,143.64
Total Amount Paid:	\$71,203.64
Average Pledge:	\$256.64
% of Pledges Collected:	97.35%

Payment by Category

Category	Total Givers
Annually	0
Monthly	10
Other	1
Paid-In-Full	275
Quarterly	0
Semi-Annually	0
TOTAL:	286

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 2, 2026



From left to right, Luc A. Ouellette, Kasimier (Kaz) Marchut, and Sister Mary Lucille Banach gather in the foyer of St. Lucian's Residence, New Britain, with Sister Mary Janice Zdunczyk, director and member of the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception.
PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

ST. LUCIAN'S RESIDENCE COUNTS 100 YEARS OF SENIOR LIVING WITH SPIRITUAL PERKS

Monsignor Lucian Bojnowski, who served as a pastor to the Polish community in New Britain beginning in 1895, was an enterprising priest who dreamed of many ministries to uplift the locals. As pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, he founded a congregation of religious women, two grade schools, an academy, an orphanage and a home for the elderly.

One of his creations that continues to care for God's people to this day is St. Lucian's Residence, a residential senior living facility, which celebrated its 100th anniversary this year (1925 to 2025).

"He had an incredible vision," Robert Skarba, administrator of St. Lucian's Residence, says of Monsignor Bojnowski. Today, that vision is summarized in St. Lucian's Residence logo with the tagline "comfort, care and compassion."

"The ministry of St. Lucian's is a priority of the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception," says Sister Mary Janice Zdunczyk, a member of the congregation and director of St. Lucian's, who is in charge of providing that compassionate care. "It's our mission to support St. Lucian's financially, spiritually and socially."

Today, six sisters make their home at St. Lucian's Residence, a nonprofit residential senior living facility that welcomes people

age 65 and above. The sisters live on one floor of St. Lucian's Residence, while 15 lay people live on the floors below.

"I think our founder's purpose was to found a community with a faith dimension," Sister Mary Janice explains. "With that added spiritual dimension, the sisters are willing to share their community life with the lay people and vice versa."

"It's amazing how many residents join the sisters in prayer, holy hours and at various prayer services," Sister Mary Janice notes.

There is also a chapel, which draws the residents for daily Mass. Masses are celebrated by Father Lawrence Symolon, chaplain for the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception. While this spiritual legacy is being carried on, some things have changed.

Located on Burritt Street, St. Lucian's Residence was built in 1925 and gained a new wing in 1986, followed by many upgrades. Residents enjoy private rooms but can mingle in sitting rooms on every floor, in the dining hall and in a large social activity room.

Activities include exercise classes, bingo, movies and holiday parties. Meals, assistance with medication, laundry and other services are also available, if needed.

Resident Kasimier (Kaz) Marchut, a former long-distance runner, takes advantage of the weekly exercise classes. He also loves to read. "I've read every book in the library," he says, of the small library with English and Polish titles. But he says the best thing about living at St. Lucian's is "having good friends."

Luc A. Ouellette spent his working life as a Catholic school teacher at St. Ann Jr. High School and Sacred Heart School in New Britain, teaching reading, French and religion. He says he arrived at St. Lucian's because "I needed some things done for me – laundry and food prep."

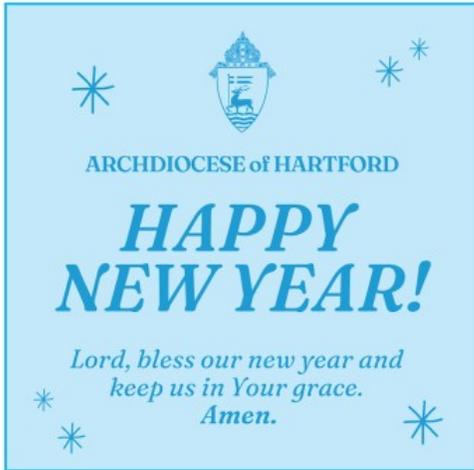
Ouellette loves everything about St. Lucian's: "The schedule for meals, the quiet time in the building, the activities planned for us, the daily Mass and the rosary on Wednesday after Mass and on Sunday afternoons."

Three years ago, Sister Mary Lucille Banach, one of the Daughters of Mary and a retired nurse, moved from Boston to become a resident. "The best is the socialization. There are people around to talk to – or not talk to," she says with a laugh.

- Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events



01/7 & 14 WEDNESDAYS
4:30PM - 6PM
THE JOURNEY OF INTEGRATION | 2 WEEK SERIES

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center,
303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

There comes a time in each of our lives when the question comes "Is this all there is?" And so with that question comes the yearning to move deeper. You are invited to step into this journey. This means leaving the familiar, what we know, and searching out the least developed sides of ourselves. This search calls us to greater truth and reveals our buried treasures. This program will be two-fold: 1) invite you to explore where you are in your journey; and 2) begin to name some of the steps and tasks that will move you through this time in your life. There will be two 1.5-hour sessions.

Offering: \$75 | Register at www.holyfamilyretreat.org

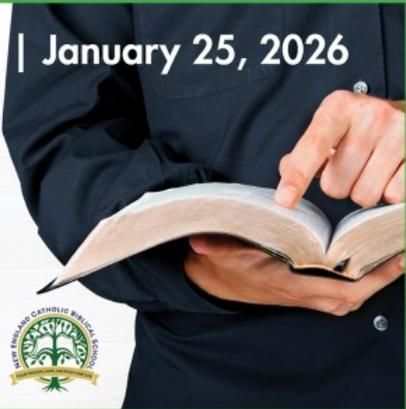
Word of God Sunday | January 25, 2026

On the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the the Word of God Sunday, established by Pope Francis to deepen our love for Sacred Scripture.

Grow in understanding of God's Word through the **New England Catholic Biblical School**.

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2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Only a few days left to get your gift in for the 2025 Appeal!



Total Goal: \$10M 98.27% as of 12/16/25

\$9,826,716.75 pledges from 29,370 generous donors



Help us reach our goal!

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