



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

The First Sunday Of Lent, February 18, 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

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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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Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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. Robert Morgewicz, Pastor**

fr.morgewicz@aohct.org

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music.dyson@annunciationnewington.com

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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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Monday** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday** Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday** 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19

**Friday** Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday** Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 17th, The Vigil For The First Sunday Of Lent**

H/S 4:00 p.m. Rev. John Bennett, By The Phelan Family

**Sunday, February 18th, The First Sunday Of Lent**

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

H/S 9:15 a.m. Beverly Capoldo, By John & Margaret Rocco

S/M 10:30 a.m. Joseph Guerrero, Birthday Remembrance, By His Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Sisto Carroccia, 1st Anniversary, By His Family

**Monday, February 19th, Lenten Weekday**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Joseph Kuzia, By a Friend

**Tuesday, February 20th, Lenten Weekday**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Sam Naples, By His Family

**Wednesday, February 21st, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Barbara Letizio, By Her Family

**Thursday, February 22nd, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Sam Capparelli, Birthday Remembrance, By His Wife & Family

**Friday, February 23rd, Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Jeff Macdonald, By His Wife

**Saturday, February 24th, The Vigil For The Second Sunday Of Lent**

H/S 4:00 p.m. Nicola & Filomena Niro & Antonio & Filomena Manocchio, By Their Family

**Sunday, February 25th, The Second Sunday Of Lent**

S/M 8:00 a.m. Deborah Perkoski

H/S 9:15 a.m. Madeline Marcoux, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild

S/M 10:30 a.m. Lucia Cerasani, By Her Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Stanislaw & Eugenia Podgorski, By Their 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...**

**Edmund Ceraldi**

**Mary Simboski**

**Mark Raynock**

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

**Parish Support**

**February 11, 2024**

Weekly: \$10,067.00

Online Giving: \$ 4,047.00

Total \$14,114.00



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

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Holy Spirit Church**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



## Palm Cross 2024 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  
**\$13 Each**

**Please place the order form and payment in a plain envelope labeled "Palm Crosses" and return in the collection basket by **March 10th****

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Crosses: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00 Each = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Paid by: CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: *KOFC COUNCIL 3884***

Crosses will be available for pick up at Holy Spirit Church Hall on Saturday, March 16th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

If there are questions, please contact:

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

## PARISH CALENDAR, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

### The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **March 17th** 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 pm** Holy Spirit Church Hall.  
Contact: Angelo Marchetti at:(860) 202-1612

### The Women's Guild

The March meetings for the Women's Guild will be held as follows: Monday, **March 4th** the **Executive Board** will meet at 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall. Tuesday, **March 12th** the **General Membership meeting** will held at 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall.

### Food Collection for the Newington Pantry

"Thank You" Annunciation Parish for your generosity for the KofC Food Pantry Collection in February! Our parish donated 526 lbs! The Food Panty is so grateful. The next collection is the weekend of **March 2nd and 3rd**. Thank-you for living your faith and helping others.

**Items needed:** laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning products, health and beauty products, tin foil, plastic wrap, juice, coffee, tea, canned tuna or chicken, soup, peanut butter, jelly, and baking items. **NO pet food please.**



### The Power of Prayer

**By Paradisus Dei and St. Augustine Institute**

**Presented by the**

**Annunciation Parish Men's Fellowship Group**

**Prepare your HEART for HOLY WEEK Leading up to EASTER SUNDAY**

**Make your Lenten Journey even more fruitful by Taking a Tour of the Mysteries of the Rosary as we take you through each of the**

**5 Sorrowful Mysteries**

**Together we will pray for each other, over each other, with each other, through each other.**

**Join us at the Holy Spirit Hall**

**Friday Evenings After Stations Of The Cross**

**2/23 – The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar**

**3/1 – The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns**

**3/8 – The Carrying of the Cross**

**3/15 – The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus**

**3/22 - Conclusion**

**There will be a 30-minute Video Presentation followed by group discussion and prayer.**

**Refreshments provided.**

### Save The Date

**March 24, 2024**, Annual Knights of Columbus **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast**. Watch for tickets being sold soon.

**May 4, 2024**, The Annual Annunciation Parish **Comedy Night**. Make plans now to save the date and be ready to purchase tickets soon—limited seats are available. Last year there was a sold out crowd, so be ready, make plans now.

**May 19, 2024**, The Annunciation Women's Guild will once again be holding a **Victorian Tea with entertainment**. This popular event will have you reminiscing and smiling ear to ear. Full details will be available in the future. At this time we are seeking volunteers to host a table by providing the china and serving items for one table. The tea and food are being catered. This is a great time to show off your china that has been sitting around unused. If you are interested or have any questions please contact the event chairs, Susan Haynes at 860-231-7864 or Patti Keltonic at 860-967-5928.

## **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 Feb. 23rd:** Annunciation Eucharistic Ministry
- Friday March 1st:** Annunciation Women's Guild
- Friday March 8th:** Knights of Columbus
- Friday March 15th:** Annunciation Men's Fellowship
- Friday March 22nd:** CCD 9th and 10th Graders

Please contact Jay Dumais at (860)836-8243 if you have any questions.



## **The Stations of the Cross...**

### **A Lenten Practice Hundreds of Years Old**

Traditionally, Lenten devotions in parish churches have drawn attention to the suffering and death of Jesus. The most popular one is known as the Stations of the Cross. During the time of the Crusades (1095-1270), it became popular for pilgrims to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary. In the next two centuries, after the Moslems recaptured the Holy Land, pilgrimages were too dangerous. A substitute pilgrimage, the Stations of the Cross, became a popular outdoor devotion throughout Europe during the Middle Ages. The Stations represented critical events from Scripture or tradition of Jesus' journey to Calvary and varied in number from five to 20 until the 18<sup>th</sup> century when Pope Clement XII fixed the number at 14 stations. In the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, Stations were allowed inside churches and became a familiar feature in Catholic churches. In the 1960s, it became popular to add a fifteenth Station representing the end of the journey—the resurrection. This beautiful Lenten tradition—walking the steps of Jesus to Calvary—is continued in our own Churches during Lent. All are invited to make attending the communal Stations of the Cross part of their Lenten Spiritual Plan. Stations will be prayed at St Mary's Church at 12:10 and at Holy Spirit at 5:30 for the Fridays of Lent. The praying of the Stations of the Cross usually lasts about 30 minutes. While the tradition of praying the Stations on Friday reminds us that it was Friday that Jesus walked to his death for our sins, the Stations can be prayed privately on any day and at any time.

## **Connecticut March For Life**

Please join us for the 3rd annual March for Life on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at the State Capitol in Hartford. The Rally at the Capitol with speakers will begin at noon and the March around Bushnell Park is scheduled for 1 PM. We hope that you will join us as we stand up for the protection of all human life!

