



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time, January 14, 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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[annunciationnewington.com](http://annunciationnewington.com)



Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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

**Rev. Joseph Pullikattil, Parochial Vicar**

fr.pullikattil@aohct.org

#### Weekend Associates

**Rev. Lawrence Bock**

**Msgr. James Kinnane**

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**James Blanchette**

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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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, January 15, 2024 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18, 2024 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19, 2024 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20, 2024 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 13th, The Vigil For The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Elijah Rogers, Ramona Labrecque & Armande Cooke,  
By Patty Mumley

**Sunday, January 14th, The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Ann Marie Bolduc, By Her Daughter  
**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Geraldine Cashman,  
By The Annunciation Parish Women’s Guild

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Giuseppe Mangiafico, By His Family

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Fifi Astiasaran, By Dolores

**Monday, January 15th, Weekday**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Anita Fairwood, By Richard & Ronald Fairwood &  
Maureen Kievman

**Tuesday, January 16th, Weekday**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Sheila DeTuccio, By Her Family

**Wednesday, January 17th, Saint Anthony, Abbot**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Gabriel Suarez, By Marco Suarez

**Thursday, January 18th, Weekday**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Lois Wankerl, By Her Husband Frank

**Friday, January 19th, Weekday**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Celia Chacko, Birthday (Alive) By Her Parents

**Saturday, January 20th, The Vigil For The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Wayne Urbanski, 2nd Anniversary, By His Wife, Theresa  
Oscar Richard, By The Phelan Family

**Sunday, January 21st, The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. People of The Parish

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Ralph Capsalores, By Anthony & Tina Capsalores

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Kathleen McMahan,  
By The Annunciation Parish Women’s Guild

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Brown, 19th Anniversary,  
By Her Children & Grandchildren



**In Loving Memory**

**we pray for...**

**Vincent Cornelio**

**Ann Marie DeCapua**

**Doris Gilberto**

**Thomas Rogers**

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

**Parish Support**

**December 31, 2023**

Weekly:	\$11,335
Online Giving:	\$ 4,082
Total	\$15,417

**Parish Support**

**January 7, 2024**

Weekly:	\$5,652
Online Giving:	\$4,016
Total	\$9,668

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Holy Spirit Church**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



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.”**

## **Married Couples Day Retreat - 1/20/24**

at St Bernard Church, Rockville. "IT TAKES THREE": A MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT is Designed to renew & rejuvenate your relationship as a married couple & with God. The retreat's environment is one of acceptance, confidential sharing, music, & fun! We invite any married couple - newlywed or married for decades. The day includes morning Mass, a special mid-day dinner, & a full program of music, inspired talks by team couples, private couple sharing time, small group discussions, & a marriage blessing ceremony with special memento.

Cost is only \$25/couple payable by check to "CT State Council K of C" mailed to retreat leaders, Jim & Elizabeth Percy, 11 Kent Lane, South Windsor, CT 06074. Join us & register at SignUpGenius, [signupgenius.com/go/MCR](https://signupgenius.com/go/MCR), or contact the Percys at [tiggpercy@gmail.com](mailto:tiggpercy@gmail.com) or 860-648-2615.

## **Christmas Flower List Additions:**



### Given By:

**M/M Alfred Jacques**  
**Severene Mascarenhas**  
**M/M Leonard Montanari**  
**M/M Joseph Parafati**  
**Mrs. Dolores Sacco**  
**Mrs. Mary Serravalle**

### In Memory Of:

**Isabelle Johnson**  
**Raymond Johnson**  
**M/M Francis Mascarenhas**  
**Delia Montanari**  
**Olindo Montanari**  
**Mrs. Sheila Pereira**  
**M/M Stephen Pereira**  
**Anthony Serravalle, Sr.**  
**Anthony Serravalle, Jr.**  
**Lillian Yaglowski**  
**All Deceased Members of The Johnson & Montanari Families**  
**The Benvenuti Family**

## **Into The Breach Retreat**

**St Mary Church Hall, 5 Hillhouse, New Haven**

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

The Into The Breach Retreat is a one day examination of the spiritual battle that is currently going on in our world, country, the Church, our towns and our homes. All men are invited to attend. You will understand what this battle is, but more importantly, determine what you can do about it. "Not only does God have a plan for your life, so does Satan" Bishop Thomas Olmsted

**Who should attend? All CATHOLIC MEN**

**Why go to an Into the Breach Retreat?**

The focus of the Retreat is the understanding of what is the "Breach" that is impacting our world, the Church our parishes and our families. Once we understand this, we can begin to develop ideas as to what we can do to battle this spiritual "Breach" and why it is so important for men to engage in this battle. Time is limited during this one day, and we can't cover all elements of this spiritual battle.

**Activities:** Mass, Prayer, Confessions, Talks, Participant Discussions

**For additional information contact:** Retreat Program Director: Deacon David Imhof

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**Sign up at this link:** [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ITB\\_02-17-24](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ITB_02-17-24) **Or use this QR code:**



**Cost:** There is no cost for individual men for this Retreat . Continental Breakfast, coffee will be provided, as well as lunch. Councils are encouraged to attend. **In order to cover the expenses, we are asking councils to make a suggested donation of \$50 - \$100, payable to St Jude Council 4313 K of C.**

# PARISH CALENDAR, JANUARY 14, 2024

## **The Knights Sandwich Ministry**

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **January 21st** 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 Women's Guild will not hold any meetings in January 2024. **The Executive Board** will meet again on Monday, **February 5th**. **The General Membership** meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 13th**. Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the Holy Spirit Church Hall. New members are always welcome to attend any meeting.

## **The Archbishop's Annual Appeal Comes to a Close for 2023**

The 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal has come to a close with a grand total of \$9,250,000 in pledges. While this amount did not reach the goal of ten million, it was larger than last year, and that is something to celebrate when it comes to providing charity in our three county Archdiocese!

Our parish goal was \$170,000 and we came so close to meeting it for the first time in a long time. We collectively contributed \$168,570.50 from 606 gifts. That is truly a great work of mercy. Let us think for a moment how many people in our own area will be helped by our collective efforts.

Congratulations!

## **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**

**Come join us and bring your intentions!**

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

**Join us at the Holy Spirit Hall from 6:30pm - 8pm**

### **Thursday Evenings**

**2/8 - Introduction**

**2/15 - The Agony in the Garden**

**2/22 - The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar**

**2/29 - The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns**

**3/7 - The Carrying of the Cross**

**3/14 - The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus**

**3/21 - Conclusion**

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

**Refreshments provided.**



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**This important letter was printed in the bulletin last week. Due to the snow storm and the low Mass attendance, it is being reprinted here again for your benefit and information.**

### **A Letter from our Archbishop:**

Much has been made in the news recently about the Church's conferral of blessings. A report appeared not too long ago saying that the Church would not withhold blessings of unwed mothers. This was no news to me. Since when, I thought, has the Church refused to bless a woman who was an unwed mother, unless perhaps her request was connected with some kind of messaging that denied the Church's teaching on marriage and family?

Now even bigger news has arisen as a result of the "Declaration" of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) "On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings" regarding "the possibility of blessing couples in irregular situations and same-sex couples without officially validating their status or changing in any way the Church's perennial teaching on marriage."

That perennial teaching is summarized in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which, as Pope St. John Paul noted, "was the result of the collaboration of the whole Episcopate of the Catholic Church, who generously accepted my invitation to share responsibility for an enterprise that directly concerns the life of the Church... The achievement of this Catechism thus reflects the collegial nature of the Episcopate; it testifies to the Church's catholicity" (Apostolic Letter *Laetamur Magnopere*).

Of homosexual acts the *Catechism* says that "under no circumstance can they be approved," but at the same time homosexual persons "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" (No. 2357ff). I take this to mean that persons, including those whose lives are not in conformity with what the Church believes and teaches, are not to be shunned when they approach a minister of the Church for a blessing.

But what kind of blessing? The new DDF Declaration speaks of a spontaneous, non-ritualized blessing that is neither liturgical nor even semi-liturgical, indeed one that is "spontaneous," in the context, for example, of a visit to a shrine, a meeting with a priest, a prayer recited in a group, or during a pilgrimage." Much like the blessing requested by an unwed mother, it can be conferred as a response to a spontaneous and personal request, not some kind of planned "event."

Sadly but predictably, there will be some who seek to misuse the Declaration to promote the acceptance by the Church of so-called "gay marriage." For that reason it is important to emphasize that blessing described by the DDF is being conferred on persons, and not on a relationship that is not in conformity with what the Church believes and teaches about human sexuality and marriage. Lest this be misconstrued, it would be both accurate and prudent to direct a word of blessing individually to each person (I bless you N. and I bless you N.) even as they jointly make the request for a blessing. This is reflected in the following text of the DDF Declaration: "...one should not prevent or prohibit the Church's closeness to people in every situation in which they might seek God's help through a simple blessing. In a brief prayer preceding this spontaneous blessing, the ordained minister could ask that the **individuals** (emphasis added) have peace, health, a spirit of patience, dialogue, and mutual assistance—but also God's light and strength to be able to fulfill his will completely" (no. 38).

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair

Archbishop of Hartford

December 21, 2023

### **Mass Cancellation Policy During Inclement Weather**

Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. is canceled whenever the Newington Public School System closes for inclement weather. Sunday Masses (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses) are canceled whenever the Governor declares a travel ban, prohibiting or restricting the use of vehicles on the road.

This policy will eliminate the need to call the rectory to ask if there is Mass and serve as an easy way to announce our closing. No other announcements will be given except for the policy as stated above. Mass intentions will be satisfied by the priest celebrant at his private Mass in the event that a scheduled public Mass is canceled.

This policy is in place for a number of reasons. First is the fact that God has given each of us common sense and the gift of prudence, which should be employed at times of questionable weather. The second reason is the potential liability to the parish and third, adequate time is needed to clear and clean up after a snowfall. Cleanup, either shoveling or plowing is made more difficult if there are cars in the way or if cars and foot traffic pack down the snow onto the parking lot surface.