



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time, January 21, 2024

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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 WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.

MARK 1:17

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Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 21, 2024

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 THIRD 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 20th, The Vigil For The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Oscar Richard, By The Phelan Family

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

S/M 8:00 a.m. John Zito, By His Wife

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

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

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

Monday, January 22nd, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

H/S 9:00 a.m. Ouseph Navallil, By His Daughter

Tuesday, January 23rd, Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Shirley Gable, By Her Family

Wednesday, January 24th, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder and Doctor

H/S 9:00 a.m. Walter & Florence O'Connor, By Maureen Lyons & Family

Thursday, January 25th, The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

H/S 9:00 a.m. Robert Romano, By His Wife

Friday, January 26th, Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

H/S 9:00 a.m. Doris Giliberto By, Lillian

Saturday, January 27th, The Vigil For The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Loretta Dyson, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild

Sunday, January 28th, The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Walter Zdeb, Birthday Remembrance, By The Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Brenda Romeo, By M/M John Rocco

S/M 10:30 a.m. Rita Egan, By Salvatore Colangelo & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Loretta Dyson, By Dolores



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...

Vincent A. Cornelio

Anne Marie DeCapua

Sabastiana Patane

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

Parish Support

January 14, 2024

Weekly: \$11,802

Online Giving: \$ 3,895

Total \$15,697

Year End

Financial Statements

The year end financial statements will be mailed to the homes of parishioners who have contributed \$500 or more using the envelope system. The mailing will be out by January 30, 2024.

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit at:

Holy Spirit Church

On January 21st-27th

For: **Peter Accolla**

By: His Daughter

ANNUNCIATION PARISH



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

Jake Christopher Tice
Nicholas James Vallera
Nora Rose Vallera

To be baptized at Annunciation Parish, you must provide some hope that the child will be brought up in the faith, be a registered parishioner, reside in Newington, or have some tangible connection to our Parish.

To get started, visit our website at:
annunciationnewington.com/baptism

2024 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION

The *Catholic High School Collection* is an annual fundraiser that provides vital support to the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Our Catholic high schools represent communities that provide our students with a foundation rooted in Truth and logic, with a commitment to seek excellence of the individual and the common good. It is an education of teamwork and respect that illustrates that “There is Something Greater Here”

Your financial support of our Catholic high schools will enhance tuition assistance, academic excellence, arts, athletics, technology, robotics, safety and security. Please join us in this Catholic Universal Mission: Catholic high schools – building our Church and the world’s next leaders.

To donate contribute to the second collection today or for more information visit the website of the Center for Catholic Education & Formation:

www.catholicedaohct.org



Have You Seen The Light?

Major improvements have been made to the outdoor lighting at both our church properties. High efficient, energy saving fixtures have replaced broken or old outdated fixtures creating better lighting on the sidewalks, parking lots and around our buildings.

This obviously helps with safety and security at our parish. A special thank you to Parish Trustee Jay Dumais who spent a great deal of time contacting electricians for quotes and researching what would be best for our parish and seeing the job to competition. Thank you Jay!

Are you wondering if your child is on track academically?

You are not alone. Perhaps you’d like to consider some other educational options. Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a **Winter Open House** on **Sunday, January 28th** from 12:00 – 1:30 P.M. at Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Corpus Christi students benefit from smaller class sizes and personalized instruction as evidenced by their success on recent NWEA testing. 84% of students scored ABOVE their current grade level in the Language Arts/Reading portion of the standardized test. *Imagine how your child could soar!!* Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses PreK - 8th grade. To register, please visit our website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR, JANUARY 21, 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.

Food Collection for the Newington Pantry

A very sincere "Thank You" to all who participated in the K of C Food Pantry Collection in January for non-perishable food and hygiene items. Our parish donated 202 pounds! The Food Panty is so grateful for your generosity. The next collection is the week of **February 3rd and 4th**. 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 from 6:30 - 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.

Catholic Subscription Service: FORMED

Subscribe to **FORMED**, it is free and good for you! This Catholic content platform hosts thousands of movies, children's programs, eBooks, audio, parish programs and studies on demand to help parishes, families, and individuals to explore their faith anywhere. Our parish has purchased an annual subscription to FORMED with the goal of enhancing our faith formation experience.

All parishioners are encouraged to sign up for the program and explore its offerings. Future group sessions will be scheduled to explore some of the topics in detail. To sign up for this program, follow these steps:

- 1) Visit signup.formed.org
- 2) Enter zip code 06111 and "Annunciation Parish" will appear in a text box.
- 3) Click on our parish name.
- 4) Enter your name and email.

We hope you enjoy this great re-source!

The First Fundamental Human Right...Right to Life

Though the first fundamental right given to citizens of our country is the right to life, our society has so eroded this constitutional provision that we now live in a “culture of death,” as named by Saint John Paul II some years ago. The United States Constitution makes it very clear that there is an unalienable right to life, meaning, a right given to us by the creator and therefore unable to be taken away by governmental laws but, this coming January 22nd will be the 51st anniversary of the United States Supreme Court Decision, Roe v. Wade. That court decision legalized the direct killing of babies in the womb through the procedure we call abortion. It is estimated that since the 1973 decision, 63 million babies were aborted in our country.

On this sad anniversary we are reminded of the teaching from the Church: “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. *‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you’ (Jeremiah 1:5)*. Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable.” Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2270-2271.

Though the Court last year reversed the universal right to abortion individual states are now passing laws ensuring the right to take the life of a baby through abortion with some states making very extreme laws, laws that most never thought would ever happen. This is a reminder that even local elections for state office holders is important in establishing a culture of life, combating the current “culture of death.”

The Church has designated January 22 of every year as a Day of Prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The Mass celebrated that day can be for the preservation of peace and justice or for giving thanks to God for the gift of human life.

Prayers should be prayed and sacrifices offered often for the millions of people who have been murdered through abortion, those mothers and fathers who suffer from the physical, spiritual and emotional effects of abortion, those mothers currently considering abortion as well as prayers for our nation, that it will return to the respect it once had for every human person, that first fundamental right our Founding Fathers recognized as essential to a civil society.

May we be mindful of this grave moral injustice and pray or offer some other type of sacrifice, for the reparations for this grave sin. May our works and prayers move our society from a culture of death to a culture of life.

