



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

The Epiphany Of The Lord, January 7, 2024

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Confession

Friday: 8:30-8:50 am, HS
Saturday: 3:00-3:50pm, HS
Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am, SM

Mass Times

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday
9:00 am, HS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm, HS

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, SM
9:15am, HS
10:30am, SM
12:00pm, HS

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annunciationnewington.com



May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. 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

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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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Monday, January 8, 2024 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11, 2024 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2024 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2024 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14, 2024 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6th, The Vigil For The Epiphany Of The Lord

H/S 4:00 p.m. Margaret Dinunzio, 28th Anniversary,
By Wayne & Theresa Urbanski

Sunday, January 7th, The Epiphany Of The Lord

S/M 8:00 a.m. Linda Chrostowski, By Maria Chodulski
Gale True

H/S 9:15 a.m. Adam Sirois, By The Pew Pals

S/M 10:30 a.m. Rocco & Angelina Calabrese, By Their Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Lorraine Randazzo, By The Annunciation Parish
Women's Guild

Monday, January 8th, The Baptism Of The Lord

H/S 9:00 a.m. Maria & Antonio Pizzoferrato, By Their Daughter in-law

Tuesday, January 9th, First Week in Ordinary Time

H/S 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of The Ralph Marzano Family

Wednesday, January 10th, Weekday

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

Thursday, January 11th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Victor DePamphilis, 1month anniversary,
By His Wife Rosa and Family

Friday, January 12th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. MaryLou Crowley, By Regina O'Connell

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



In Loving Memory

we pray for...

Rose Marie Trudeau

Deborah Perkoski

Jerry Paleczny

Tina Caesar

Anthony Gallicchio

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

Parish Support

December 24, 2023

Weekly: \$13,548

Online Giving: \$ 4,619

Total \$18,167

Christmas

Weekly: \$14,155

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 7th-13th

For: Sheila DeTuccio

By: Her 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.”**



What is the significance of the Epiphany of the Lord?

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord commemorates the visit of the magi to worship the baby Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew: “Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’”

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or Theophany, is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally, the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana.

This week, we are combining two great festivals or observances in the lectionary year: Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord. Therefore, you can choose which you prefer to emphasize or whether you attempt to give equal weight to both. Epiphany is characterized with images of light, the star that guided the magi, for example, or the candles in the sanctuary.

The baptism of Jesus is depicted with images of water and doves descending. If you are considering a renewal or remembrance of baptism, this would be an excellent week to do that. The mood is one of celebration, of thanksgiving that Jesus stood in solidarity with us and received the waters of baptism. We are reminded of his ongoing presence with us as we walk the discipleship path.

A Letter Received...

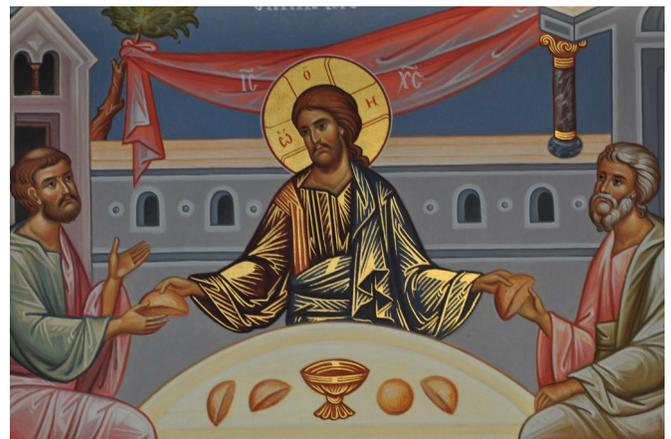
The Catholic Mission Aid Society, The Society for the Propagation of the Faith a Pontifical Mission Society recently sent a letter of gratitude to the parishioners of Annunciation Parish.

“Thank you very much for the World Mission Sunday contribution of \$3,171.00 from the parishioners of Annunciation Parish.

This year Pope Francis chose a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on their way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke: *‘Hearts on fire, feet on the move.’* In the Gospel account, we perceive a change in the disciples through a few revealing images: *their hearts burned with them* as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognized him and, ultimately, *their feet set out on the way*. United with Catholics throughout the world on World Mission Sunday, your parishioners follow in the footsteps of those two disciples on their way to Emmaus, the mission to bring the Gospel to the whole world and life to the Mission Church.

Once again, I express my gratitude for all your parish does every year to promote World Mission Sunday and to encourage a missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among the parishioners. Be assured of my prayers.”

Signed: Rev. Msgr. James A. Shanley,
Director of Catholic Mission Aid Society



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.

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



Happy 50th Anniversary



*Congratulations on
50 Years of Marriage!*

*Anna and Antonino
Carpenteri*

*Renewed their Wedding Vows on
December 23, 2023 at Holy Spirit
Church*

*Congratulations
and*

God's Blessing to you Both!



ANNUNCIATION PARISH SICK LIST

Let us pray for those who are sick, may they feel the healing touch of the Lord, especially:

Recent additions are in **BOLD** type. The sick list is posted weekly at church, and monthly in the bulletin.

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| Ann Albert | Ronnie Crowe | Kenneth Krzynowek | Marie Richard |
| Richard Albert | George Csefai | Lorraine Kulac | Greg Ripka |
| Diane Allaire | Daniel Cyganik | Mark Lacic | Louise Roberts |
| Helen Anderson | Ed Czelazewicz | Wayne LaVertue | Ray Robidoux |
| Albertine Anest | Pam Czelazewicz | Gemma Leary | Denise Rodzen |
| Sam Anest | Donald & Judy D'Amato | Jackie LeBrun | Carlos & Iris Rodrigues |
| MaryBeth Aparo | Randy D'Amato | Mark Leonard | Tom Rogers |
| Anthony Baggio | Bogdan Danielewicz | James Levesque | Amber Rojek |
| Stephen Bailen, Jr. | Elizabeth Danielewicz | Karen Levesque | Steve Rubbo |
| Gianna Balducci | Nancy Davis | Yvette Levesque | Mark Russek |
| Debra Barabault | Jennifer Debigore | Robert & Marie Levesque | Claire Ryan |
| Virginia Barber | Bonnie Decordova | James & Jaye Levitsky | Sondra Sanford |
| Lana Bargnesi | James Denno | Jeffrey Lombardo | Doris Sartori |
| Tod Barrett | Rosa DePamphilis | Lucia Lorusso | Revathi Sasindran |
| Phyllis Battisti | Conrad DesJardins | Michael Lorusso, Jr. | Janet Schaeffer |
| Margaret Becker | David DeTuccio, Sr. | Evaristo Loura | Wanda Seegobin |
| Cecile Berube | Irene DiFusco | Joan Lucey | Kathleen Shapleigh |
| Dennis Berube | Louise DiPietro | Natalie Lundgren | Marianne Sisson |
| Jay & Dawn Bis | Stephanie S. DiVito | Rosemarie Manente | Ann Smith |
| Kyle Bloom | Iwona Domingue | Jackie Martin | Patricia St. Jean |
| Alice Bottiglieri | Charles Donnelly | Enith Martinez | Nicole Stanhope |
| George Bouliia | Jack Dooley | Miguel Martinez | Maureen Steck |
| Ryan Bousquet | Dorothy Dube | Denise Maraio | Bailey Stine |
| Ryan Bousquet | George Dubiel | Mary Ann McCusker | Ruth Solla |
| Wayne Brooks | Donald Dumas | Erica McKenna | Christina Sousa |
| Victoria Bullock | Elsie | Rebecca Misko | Gary Sousa |
| Mark Butler | Mary Ferris | Len Montanari | Tony Stensen |
| Janice Butterfield | Jimmy Fuska | Ryan Moran | Marie Stover |
| Deborah Cacase | Paul G. | Pat Morancy | John Sudal |
| Anthony Caccavale | Carol Gallicchio | Michelle Munoz | Michael Sudol |
| Robert Caccavale | John Gallicchio | Tim Murphy | Amy Sullivan |
| MaryAnn Cahoon | Michael Gamache | Valentina Najfelt | Cari T. |
| Rena Calcaterra | Lorraine Giansanti | Bernice Napierski | Thea |
| Eileen Carey | Joseph Giguere | Joseph Olette | Christian Thomas |
| Cecile Carroll | Carmella Giovannucci | Emily Ouellet | Kevin Thomas |
| Dorothy Carso | Paul Gliński | Isabel Ortiz | Nathan Thomsen |
| Catherine J. Carter | Alan Godbout | Jessica Palmer | Doris & Megan Torrey |
| Diane Carter | B. Gail Gregory | Barbara Palombizio | Adam Trulsen |
| Tom Caruso | Joseph Guillette | Francis Patnoe | Donna Tuninsky |
| Barbara Casey | Michael Guillette | Vincent Pellegrini | Joan Turgeon |
| Carmelo Catania | Rita Guillette | Lou Pelletier | Rebecca Turgeon |
| Joseph Catania | Cecelia Guyan | Margaret Pelletier | Stacy V. |
| Mary Beth Cenci | Fran Hannon | Laura Penta | William V. |
| Ken Chickosky | Helena Hansen | Richard Perkins | Michael & Patricia Valcko |
| Mary Cierpikowski | Karen Hayduski | John Piotrowski | Elyssa W. |
| Tom Clark | Deb Hebert | Jean Poulin | Lynn Wamester |
| Sandra Coakley | Joanne Heckman | Aldina Portal | Marta Weingartner |
| Luca Colangelo | Sandy Hendstrom | Curtis Potter | Nicholas Wells |
| Nick Colby | Jo Henderson | Jane Pulcini | Howard White |
| Timothy Collins | Ronald Hirschthal | Betty Radomsky | Jo-Ann Wojtunik |
| Elizabeth Concannon | Neil R. Hogan | Edward Radomsky | Charlene Wright |
| Vincent Cornelio | Donal Hurley | MaryAnn Rashaw | Paulette M. Wright |
| Kathy Cote | Jason I. | Darryl Reberio | Mark Yaglowski |
| | Paola Iapachino | Carolyn Record | Brian Zaleski |
| | Beverly Iskra | Regina | |
| | Betty Jacko | Donald Reney | |
| | Dave Johnson | Linda Rho | |
| | Sarah Jones | Liam Ricard | |
| | Edmund K. | Jim Rice | |