



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Epiphany Of The Lord, January 5, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

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Newington, CT 06111

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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:

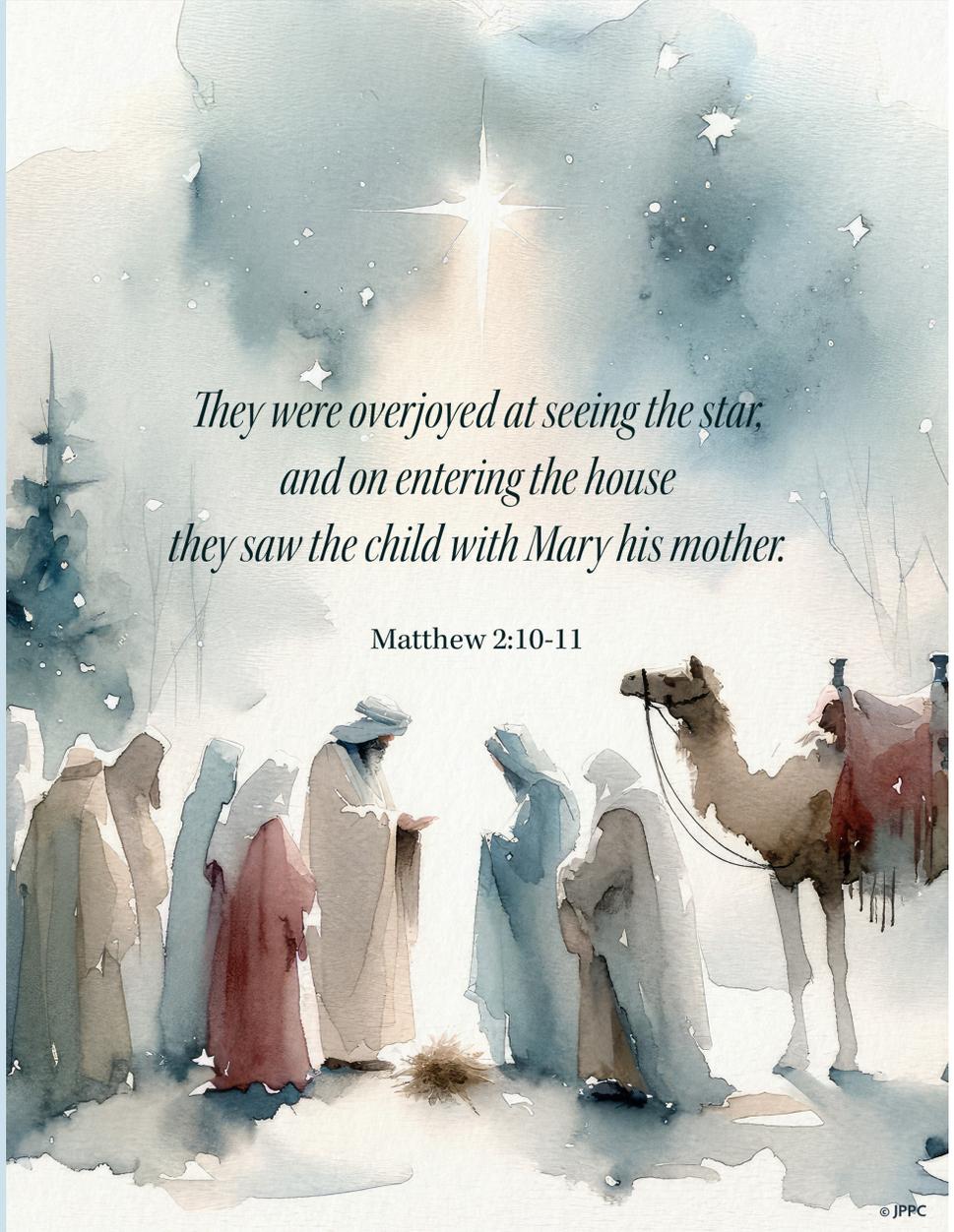
8:00 am, SM

9:15 am, HS

10:30 am, SM

12:00 pm, HS

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*They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the child with Mary his mother.*

Matthew 2:10-11

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O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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. Janusz Kukulka, Pastor

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Rev. Joseph Pullikattil, Parochial Vicar

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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.

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 – Epiphany Of The Lord

Monday 1 Jn 3:22; 4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19; 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 3:22-30

Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4th, The Vigil For The Epiphany Of The Lord,

H/S 4:00 p.m. Linda Campbell, By The Claffey Family

Sunday, January 5th, The Epiphany Of The Lord

S/M 8:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased Members of The Beaulieu Family, By The Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Hedy Bokan, By Joan Grayson

S/M 10:30 a.m. Tom Rogers, By His Wife Sandy & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Edwin Tanyag, By His Family

Monday, January 6th, Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

H/S 9:00 a.m. Michael Henry, By Mary Maziarz

Tuesday, January 7th, Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Thomman Idiculla, By The Family

Wednesday, January 8th, Christmas Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Lac Vu, Vy Vu, Van Vu, Giau Vu, By Tien Vu

Thursday, January 9th, Christmas Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Philip Ronczka, Sr., By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild

Friday, January 10th, Christmas Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Antonio & Maria Pizzoferrato, By Their Family

Saturday, January 11th, The Vigil For The Baptism Of The Lord,

H/S 4:00 p.m. Andy Anderson, By His Wife & Children

Sunday, January 12th, The Baptism Of The Lord

S/M 8:00 a.m. Anne Marie Bolduc, By Liliane Bureau

H/S 9:15 a.m. Robert Dinunzio, By Patrick & Helene O'Neil & Family

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

H/S 12:00 p.m. Mark S. Raynock & Deceased Parents, By His Family



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Arthur Basdekian

Vincenzo Carducci

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

Parish Support

December 22, 2024

Weekly \$14,366

Online Giving \$3,793

Total: \$18,159

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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

Franciscan Hospice Care

Registered Nurse Case

Manager Needed

Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, a Catholic home health care agency, serving Central Connecticut, is seeking a Registered Nurse Case Manager to work in its hospice care program. Position includes:

Full-time

Competitive salary

Benefits

Visit www.franciscanhc.org or call PetaRose Tom, RN, Hospice Director, for more information.

Annunciation Parish is actively looking for the part time position of Director of Religious Education as well as volunteer teachers for 5th & 9th grade and subs. This is a fruitful and blessed way to incorporate faith formation into your weekly life. Please prayerfully consider helping us with this program. Please contact Fr. Janusz Kukulka or Kim at: 860-666-1591 or Dolores Mihaliak at: dre@annunciationnewington.com for details.

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A Hundred Years of the Catholic Church in Newington:

History of the Women's Guild:

St. Mary's Ladies Guild:

In 1938 the St. Mary's Women's Guild was formed. There were 15 founding members and grew to 500 members at its peak. The name was later changed to the Women's Club.

Holy Spirit Ladies Guild:

As planning and construction of the Church of the Holy Spirit was being completed, the parishioners chartered the organizations of the church. Among the first organizations to be formed was the Ladies Guild. The first organizational meeting was called to order on October 14, 1964. Attendance was so large that future meetings were held at the John Patterson School auditorium. The Ladies Guild was at the forefront of the church construction fundraising efforts. When one project ended, the energetic ladies immediately turned to the next. Each get together brought everyone together and therefore closer to the Lord, who exhorted us to "Love One Another".

Annunciation Parish Women's Guild:

In 2018 (following the 2017 merger of St. Mary's and Holy Spirit Church Parishes forming Annunciation Parish), the former Women's Club and Ladies Guild merged to become known as the Annunciation Women's Guild.

The missions of the Annunciation Women's Guild are: To unify all women of the parish, to promote friendship and fellowship in their spiritual, social and cultural activities. To give financial support to our parish through special annual fundraising efforts. To support other community organizations. The Guild will strive to encourage Catholic ideals, and to continue the Women's Guild organization for future years.

The Women's Guild currently meets on the second Tuesday evening each month September through May (no meetings in January or June, July and August).



Mass Cancellation Policy During Inclement Weather

Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. is canceled whenever the Newington Public School System closes or delays 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. 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 that prudence should be employed at times of questionable weather. The second reason is the potential liability to the parish. The third, is the adequate time that 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.

Thank you for your understanding!

PARISH CALENDAR, JANUARY 5, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **January 19th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

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 Guild

*There are no meetings in January

The Women's Guild will not hold any meetings in January 2025.

The Women's Guild Executive Board

will meet on Monday, **February 3rd**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **February 11th**. Both meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are held in the Holy Spirit Church hall. New members are always welcome to attend any meeting!



We are actively looking for volunteers to serve as a Eucharistic or Bereavement Minister for funerals at both Holy Spirit Church and St. Mary Church. If this is a ministry that you would be able to contribute your time and talents to, please contact Kim at: 860-666-1591.

Thank you so much!

Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates when Jesus Christ was revealed as the Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew recounts that three wise men from the East visited our savior after his birth and acknowledged him with gifts representing kingship, priesthood, and death.

The Feast of the Epiphany highlights key themes in the story of Jesus and the visit of the Magi. These themes help us understand the importance of Jesus' birth and His mission for all people.

- **Jesus as Light:** Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. He guides all people to God.
- **Universal Mission:** Jesus came for all nations and people. His salvation is not limited to one group.
- **Fulfillment of Prophecy:** Isaiah's prophecy about light and gifts is fulfilled in Jesus. The gifts of the Magi show this connection.
- **Humility and Kingship:** Jesus is a humble king. He shows true power through love and gentleness.
- **Inclusiveness:** Paul teaches that both Jews and Gentiles share in Jesus' promises. The Epiphany shows that everyone is included in God's plan.
- **Guidance of the Star:** The star leads the Magi to Jesus. This shows God's guidance to all who seek Him.
- **Gift-Giving:** The Magi bring gifts to honor Jesus. This shows recognition of His kingship and divinity.
- **Contrast with Herod:** Herod's fear and violence contrast with Jesus' humble birth. This shows the difference between earthly and heavenly kingship.

These themes remind us of the rich meaning of the Feast of the Epiphany. They invite us to reflect on Jesus' mission and our role in spreading His light.



Thursday Nights - January 16th – February 27th – 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Holy Spirit Church Hall

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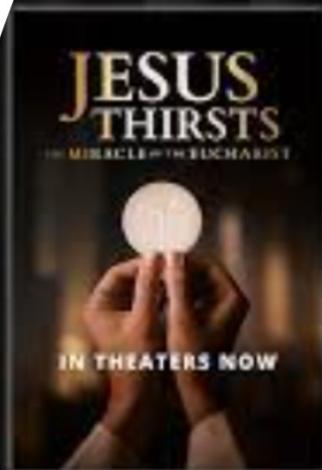


February 27, 2025
6:30-8:30pm
Holy Spirit Hall
\$12.55/Adults, \$10.44/12 & Under



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