



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

The Fourth Sunday Of Lent, March 10, 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

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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O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9th, The Vigil For The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Vito, Letizia, Carlo & Marie Cicoria, By Their Daughter

Sunday, March 10th, The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Claire Bialaski, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild

H/S 9:15 a.m. Katelyn, Kenneth & Normand Hebert, By Their Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Robert Trichka, By Lorraine Webster

H/S 12:00 p.m. Frank Sapia, 30th Anniversary, By His Family

Monday, March 11th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Zachary, Concetta, Donald & Dominic Cantafi,
By Elizabeth Cantafi

Tuesday, March 12th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. A Special Intention, By Grace Lineberry

Wednesday, March 13th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Vincenzo Liistro, By Tony & Lucy

Thursday, March 14th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Thomas Lineberry, Birthday Remembrance, By His Wife

Friday, March 15th, Lenten Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. John Webster, 3rd Anniversary, By His Wife & Family

Saturday, March 16th, The Vigil For The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Raymond Burns, 1st Anniversary, By His Family

Sunday, March 17th, The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

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

H/S 9:15 a.m. Francis Frascarelli, By His Wife & Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. John & Joyce Courtemanche, By Anna Gugliotti

H/S 12:00 p.m. Richard C. Tinto, By His Wife & 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...

Judy Kozikowski

Henry Landy

Russell H. Powers

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

Parish Support

March 3, 2024

Weekly: \$11,277.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,816.00

Total \$15,093.00

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings



The Sanctuary Lamp

is lit at:

Holy Spirit Church

On: **March 10th-16th**

For: **Janice Petrucci**

By: Her Family

*Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need.

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Bunnies for Hunnies has just begun its 11th annual collection of stuffed animal bunnies. Please consider donating a new bunny to provide comfort, strength, and smiles for children facing difficult life journeys. Bunnies will be delivered to the Connecticut Children's Medical Central, Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Prudence Crandall, and many other hospitals and shelters. If you would like to donate, please bring your new bunny to church **March 2nd - 10th**. Boxes for the bunnies will be in the entrances. Thank you for your kindness and generosity! A little bunny can make a big difference!

Teaching the Faith:

Moral Limits to Technological Manipulation of the Human Body by the Committee on Doctrine from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Modern technology offers an ever-increasing range of means—chemical, surgical, genetic—for intervening in the functioning of the human body, as well as for modifying its appearance. These technological developments have provided the ability to cure many human maladies and promise to cure many more. This has been a great boon to humanity. Modern technology, however, produces possibilities not only for helpful interventions, but also for interventions that are injurious to the true flourishing of the human person. Careful moral discernment is needed to determine which possibilities should be realized and which should not, in order to promote the good of the human person. To do this discernment, it is necessary to employ criteria that respect the created order inscribed in our human nature. A fundamental tenet of the Christian faith is that there is an order in the natural world that was designed by its Creator and that this created order is good (Gen 1:31; Ps 19:1).

The Church has always affirmed the essential goodness of the natural order and called on us to respect it. To be sure, many people are sincerely looking for ways to respond to real problems and real suffering. Certain approaches that do not respect the fundamental order appear to offer solutions. To rely on such approaches for solutions, however, is a mistake. An approach that does not respect the fundamental order will never truly solve the problem in view; in the end, it will only create further problems.

The Hippocratic tradition in medicine calls upon all healthcare providers first and foremost to “do no harm.” Any technological intervention that does not accord with the fundamental order of the human person as a unity of body and soul, including the sexual difference inscribed in the body, ultimately does not help but, rather, harms the human person.

Palm Cross 2024 Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Paid by: CASH _____ CHECK _____

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

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
K OF C 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 at: 860-436-2669; wmittchell1927@gmail.com

Overcoming Anxiety Workshop

Dr. Thomas Finn, Clinical Psychologist on staff at the *Franciscan Life Center*, is offering a six-week *Overcoming Anxiety Workshop*. This psycho-educational program provides basic tools for managing anxiety including relaxation techniques and improved thinking styles based on the principles of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, a highly effective therapeutic method for anxiety reduction.

Dates: Thursdays, April 11 – May 16, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Place: Chiara Center, 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT

Cost: \$50.00/session. Participants age 16 and over are welcome.

**For reservations or more information, please call:
203-237-8084.**



PARISH CALENDAR, MARCH 10, 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

General Membership: Tuesday, **March 12**, 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall.
Executive Board Meeting: Monday, **April 1st**, 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall.

Save The Dates:

March 16, 11:00-2:00 **Palm Crosses Distribution** at Holy Spirit Hall
March 17, 4:30 **Sandwich Drive** (drop off in front of Catholic Charities)
March 24, Annual Knights of Columbus Palm Sunday **Pancake Breakfast**. 8:30-11:00
April 1, **Women's Guild Executive Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. @ Holy Spirit Church Hall
April 6-7: Food Collection for Food Pantry
April 9, **Women's Guild Membership Meeting** starting at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit with Mass. Dinner follows.
May 4, 2024, The Annual Parish **Comedy Night**. Save the date to purchase tickets soon—limited seats are available. Last year there was a sold out crowd. So be ready to make plans now!
May 19, 2024, The Women's Guild **Victorian Tea** with entertainment.



The Power of Prayer

By Paradisus Dei and St. Augustine Institute
Presented by the
Annunciation Parish Men's Fellowship Group

Take a Tour of the meaning of the
Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Join us at the Holy Spirit Hall

Friday Evenings After Stations Of The Cross

3/15 – The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
3/22 - Conclusion

There will be a Video Presentation followed by
group discussion and praying the Rosary.

Refreshments provided.

Knights of Columbus Sunday Breakfast

Make plans to join fellow parishioners at the Knights of Columbus Palm Sunday Breakfast on **March 24th** from **8:00 to 11 a.m.**

Breakfast will include: eggs, ham, sausage, pancakes, danish, and beverages.

In order to properly plan, tickets will be sold at St. Mary's on March 10 and at Holy Spirit on March 16 and 17th. Tickets will also be available at the door. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 3 are free.

Proceeds will go towards the Knights of Columbus Color Corps and to financially sponsor a seminarian who is preparing for priesthood.

Any questions please contact Ray Dunn at: 860-878-0467.



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!



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Spiritual Practices During Lent 2024

Soup and Bread Supper on Friday

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.



Friday March 15th: Annunciation Men's Fellowship

Friday March 22nd: CCD 9th and 10th Graders

Eucharistic Adoration and Opportunity for Confession

Tuesday Evenings at Holy Spirit: **6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confession

Friday: **8:30-8:50 a.m.** at Holy Spirit

Saturday: **3:00-3:50 p.m.** at Holy Spirit

Sunday: **7:30-7:50 a.m.** at St. Mary

Stations of the Cross and Opportunity for Confession

Fridays During Lent: **(3/15, 3/22)**

12:10 at St. Mary and **7:00 p.m.** at Holy Spirit

The Power of Prayer/Rosary Presentation

Fridays During Lent, **(7:35 p.m.)** at Holy Spirit Hall

The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild Upcoming Event:

The General Membership meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 9th**. A Mass will begin at 5:00 in the Holy Spirit Church. It will be celebrated by Father Joseph McNeil for deceased priests of the parish and deceased members of the Women's Guild. All Women's Guild members are also invited to participate in a light supper in the church hall immediately following the Mass. The supper will be catered by Michaels Catering and served buffet style. The meal will include pasta marinara, garden salad with dressing, dinner rolls with butter, chicken piccata, roasted potatoes, a vegetable medley, coffee bar and dessert. **The cost** for Women's Guild members is **\$12**. Payment should be placed in a plain white envelope, labeled with your name and Women's Guild April Communion Supper, sealed and placed in a collection basket at any mass at either church. Checks should be made payable to: **Annunciation Women's Guild**.

Response and payment are due by March 25th.



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

Jaheel Aurelien

Liam Scot O'Leary

Big Money Multi-Parish Raffle is Back!

The big money parish raffle will return to our parish this summer. Top prize is \$30,000. Look for the mailing this summer!

A Raffle Committee is forming to process the tickets when purchased. The committee will meet to open mail, process payments and, most importantly and time consuming, enter data into the computer. If you are interested please leave your name and number at the rectory.

