



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord, March 24, 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:**

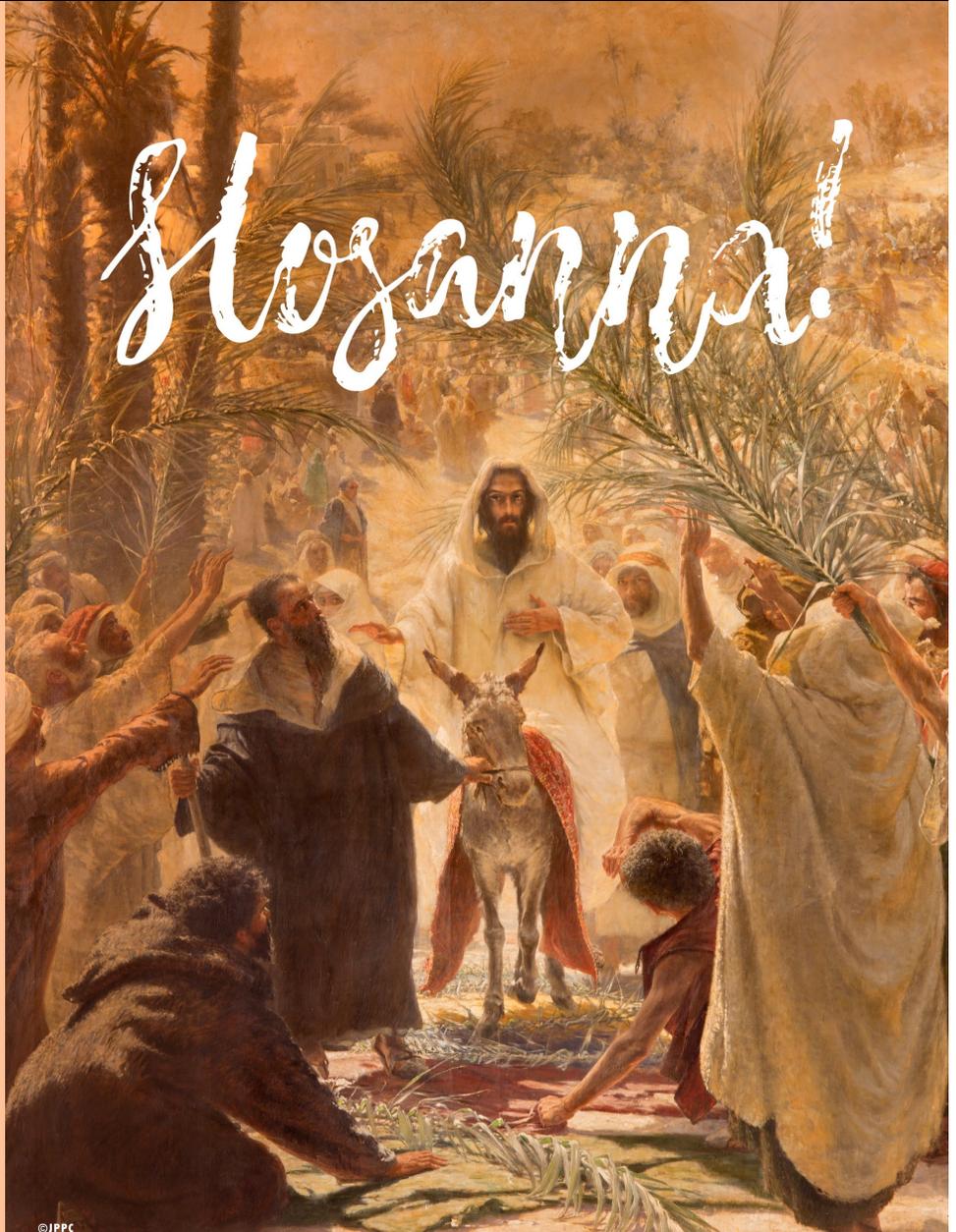
8:00 am, SM

9:15 am, HS

10:30 am, SM

12:00 pm, HS

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[annunciationnewington.com](http://annunciationnewington.com)



Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

**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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**Rev. Lawrence Bock**

**Msgr. James Kinnane**

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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 -PALM SUNDAY**

**Monday** Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday** Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday** Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday Chrism** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

**Thursday Night** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18. 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

**Friday** Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday** Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

**Sunday** Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 23rd, The Vigil For Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord**

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Sally & James Horan, By The Horan Family

**Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord**

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Gertrude & Charles Jones, By Margaret Pelletier

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Adam Sirois, By John & Margaret Rocco

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Sebastiano Vittorio Buccilli, By His Family

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Michael Iskra, 3rd Anniversary, By His Wife Beverly & Children

**Monday, March 25th, Monday of Holy Week**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Matthew Chacko, By His Brother

**Tuesday, March 26th, Tuesday of Holy Week**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Michael Lenti, By His Wife, Joyce

**Wednesday, March 27th, Wednesday of Holy Week**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Andy & Helena Barys, By Their Son & Family

**Thursday, March 28th, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Last Supper**

**H/S** 7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Priests Who Have Served Our Parish,  
**(Mass at Holy Spirit Church)**

**Friday, March 29th, Good Friday**

**S/M** 3:00 p.m. Veneration Of The Cross-**Service,**  
**(No Mass, Service is at St. Mary)**

**Saturday, March 30th, The Great Easter Vigil**

**H/S** 8:00 p.m. People Of The Parish, The Great Easter Vigil at Holy Spirit Church

**Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord**

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

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. People Of The Parish

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. People Of The Parish

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. People Of The Parish



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...**

**Frederick Callahan III**

**Mark Leonard**

**Linda Perry**

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

**Parish Support**

**March 17, 2024**

Weekly: \$8,284.00  
Online Giving: \$ 5,751.00  
Total \$14,035.00

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Holy Spirit Church**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings



\*Thank you for your generous support of **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Just visit: [www.uscch.org/nationalcollections](http://www.uscch.org/nationalcollections) for more information.

#iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection.

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## **Holy Week, Our Last Push to Easter Celebrations!**

We are getting so close to Easter but, before we can get there, it is important to understand the importance of Holy Week, the special liturgical days prior to the great celebration of Easter and how we can participate in them.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and the liturgies are the most beautiful and expressive of our faith. Palm Sunday recalls the dramatic occasion when Jesus entered Jerusalem the week before he died. He came humbly riding on a donkey, yet he was acclaimed by the people as “Son of David,” therefore heir to the kingdom.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (March 25-27<sup>th</sup>) are days of physical preparation and where the idea of “spring cleaning” comes from. These days are for shopping and completing all the busy work to prepare for Easter so that one can enter into the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) in a total spirit of prayer. [There is still the holy hour at 6:00 p.m. with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the last opportunity in the regular schedule to celebrate the sacrament in preparation for Easter]

Holy Thursday marks the feast day of the priesthood and of the Eucharist. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper is celebrated in the evening (7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit) and the celebrant washes the feet of people, representing the twelve Apostles whose feet Jesus washed at the Last Supper. At the end of Mass a procession takes the Blessed Sacrament from the main tabernacle to an altar of

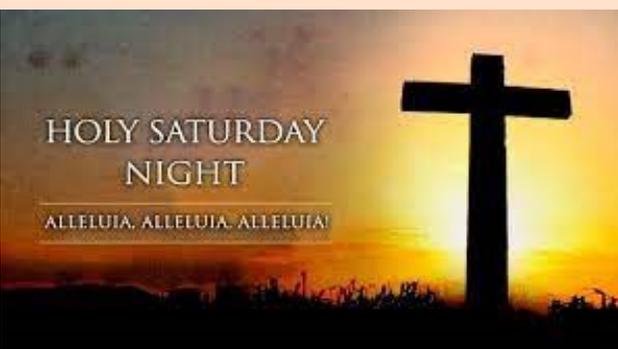


repose for a period of adoration of the Eucharistic Christ.

On Good Friday, the day Jesus died we gather (3:00 p.m. at St. Mary) to venerate the cross as a sign of our salvation and prayerfully enter into a spirit of deep appreciation for what Christ has done for us, suffering and taking upon himself our sinfulness. [Good Friday is not in Lent, there are no praying of the Stations because the Veneration of the Cross at 3:00 takes the place of honor and focus].

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

During Holy Saturday the Church is quiet, the altar is bare for the Lord is not there! After sundown, at 8:00 p.m. the great vigil Mass of the Resurrection begins (at Holy Spirit) at the doors of the Church where a fire is kindled. The paschal candle is lighted and held high as it is carried into the Church. The light of Christ enters the world, the power of death has been overcome by our Lord and the joy of the Christian faith is in the air and the first “Alleluia” in forty days is sung. Easter has arrived! Easter Sunday Masses, the same celebration as celebrated on Saturday night, are held on the regular Sunday schedule. [Not a part of the Saturday liturgies is the blessing of Easter foods and baskets at each Church at 11:00 a.m.]



All of these wonderful liturgies can be forgotten if we do not attend some or all of them as a way to properly welcome the glories of Easter. Please try to schedule some time as a final Lenten push to prepare for Easter.

God’s Blessings for the remaining week of Lent!

## PARISH CALENDAR, MARCH 24, 2024

### The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **April 20th 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

**Executive Board Meeting:** Monday, **April 1st**, 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

### Save The Dates:

**March 24, Knights of Columbus Palm Sunday Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m.** @ Holy Spirit Church Hall.

**April 1, Women's Guild Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.** @ The 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. Tickets are now available.** For tickets and more information, please call Jay Dumais at: 860-836-8243 or email him at: jay11dum@gmail.com

**May 19, 2024, The Women's Guild Victorian Tea** with entertainment.

Thank You to The Knights of Columbus for your kindness and efforts in making it possible for us to purchase beautiful hand made Palm Crosses for our loved ones. A "Thank You" also from the Knights to all who participated in this fundraiser.



### Food Collection for the Newington Pantry

"Thank You" Annunciation Parish for your generosity for the KofC Food Pantry Collection in March! Our parish donated 308 lbs! The Food Panty is so grateful. The next collection is the weekend of **April 6 and 7**. Thank-you for iving 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.**

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

**Holy Thursday:** Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper: **Holy Spirit**, 7:00 p.m.

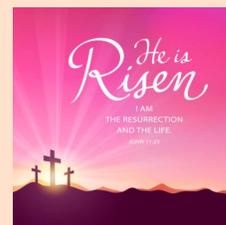
**Good Friday:** (Day of fast and abstinence). Veneration of the Cross: **St. Mary**, 3:00 p.m.



**Blessing of Easter Food/Baskets:** Blessing of Easter Foods and Baskets will take place at both churches on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

**Great Easter Vigil: Holy Spirit**, 8:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Masses:** Regular Sunday Schedule



### FORMED from The Augustine Institute:

Throughout Lent, we dedicate ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving while uniting ourselves more fully to our crucified Lord. Each of us is called to embrace the penitential nature of the Lenten season in a way that is particular to our lives and our relationship with God. Similarly, with the dawning of Easter at the end of the month, the Church comes together to rejoice in the mystery and gift of the Resurrection. Each member of the Body of Christ is called to celebrate this great victory over death and through this, come to a more intimate relationship with the Lord. With this in mind, **FORMED** is offering a number of resources and specials that can encourage you to live out the joy of Easter and deepen your relationship with Christ at: **FORMED.ORG**

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## 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.

Attendees are requested to bring non perishable, non glass food items that will be donated to the Newington Food Bank. "



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

**Matteo Budonaro**

**Nico Budonaro**

## 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.**

## 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.



## Knitting Retreat Day

**Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Presenter: Christine M. Berté

During our time together, we will explore the history of the prayer shawl ministry, originating right here in Hartford, CT. While knitting and working on projects, participants will listen to spiritual writings. We will discuss ways in which our fiber work can be a message of spirituality and a way of bringing people together. Please visit: [holyfamilyretreat.org/knitting](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/knitting) for more information. *Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center – West Hartford, CT.*

## The Mass Book Is Open for 2025

The 2025 Mass Book is now open. In your charity please limit your requests and consider combining family names for Masses. Until June, we are only accepting 3 masses per family. This kindness will allow other parishioners to schedule Masses. To request a Mass, simply email your request with the information and we will contact you.