



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

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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:**

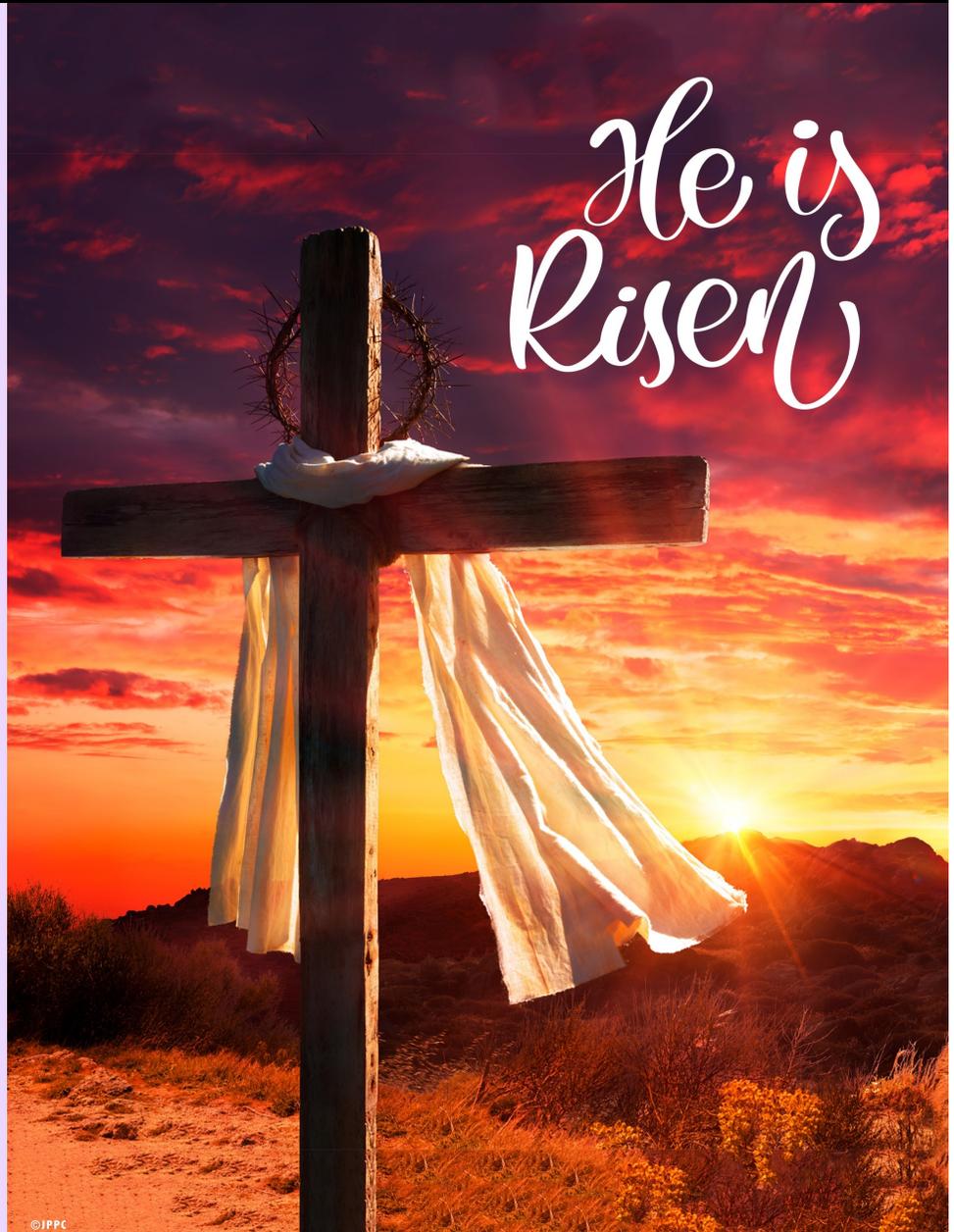
8:00 am, SM

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.

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## EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 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.

#### Parish Priests

**Rev. Robert Morgewicz, Pastor**

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#### Weekend Associates

**Rev. Lawrence Bock**

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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 -EASTER SUNDAY

**Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday** Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48

**Friday** Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday** Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday** Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 30th, The Vigil For Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord**

**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

**Monday, April 1st, Monday within the Octave of Easter**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Maria Furielova, 1st Anniversary, By Her Sister & Family

**Tuesday, April 2nd, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. James Bold, 4th Anniversary, By His Family

**Wednesday, April 3rd, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Remy Martula, By His Wife & Children

**Thursday, April 4th, Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Burton E. Callahan, Jr., 14th Anniversary & Mary C. Callahan, 45th Anniversary, By Their Loving Family

**Friday, April 5th, Friday within the Octave of Easter**

**S/M** 9:00 a.m. Maria Reyes, By Her Daughter & Family

**Saturday, April 6th, The Vigil For The Second Sunday Of Easter**

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Alicia Wakefield, By Her Family

**Sunday, April 7th, The Second Sunday Of Easter**

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Alyson & Elizabeth Wolfe, By Their Mother

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Valentine Profetti, 54th Anniversary, By His Daughters

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of The Pizzoferrato Family, By Lidia Colangelo & Family

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Gilles A. Brodeur, By M/M Tanguay



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...**

**Sherrill Merrick**

**Linda Perry**

**Jan M. Sweeney**

**Marta Weingartner**

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

Collection Amounts will be posted in the next bulletin due to early deadlines.

*We are grateful to all who continue to support Annunciation Parish by your prayers and financial contributions.*

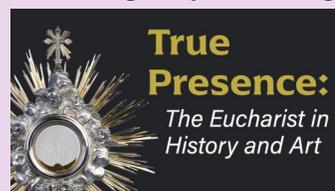
**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Holy Spirit Church**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

\*In collaboration with the U.S. Catholic bishops' Eucharistic Revival, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center presents an exhibit: **True Presence: The Eucharist in History and Art**, March 23-September 8, 2024. The McGivney Center is at: 1 State Street in New Haven and open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 AM - 4 PM. Admission and onsite parking are free. More information: 203-865-0400 or michaelmcgivneycenter.org.





# Christ is risen! "Alleluia!"

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

At the Last Supper which we commemorated on Holy Thursday, Jesus took bread and wine and instituted the Eucharist, instructing the Apostles to "Do This in Memory of Me." (1 Cor. 11:24)

When we come together for the celebration of Mass, we not only experience our unity as living members of the Body of Christ, but we also receive Him — body and blood, soul and divinity — in the Holy Eucharist. This is so, precisely because He is not to be found among the dead, but among the living, and that is our Easter joy.

During this Easter season, we are called to recognize the greatness of His

sacrifice and the incredible gift of life and salvation that He has won for us. The death and resurrection of Christ are the turning point of history and the foundation of our faith. Through His death, He bore the weight of our sins, offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice to reconcile us with God. His resurrection is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of good over evil. In His resurrection, we find hope for our own lives, knowing that through, with and in Him we too can find newness of life and the promise of eternity.

Just as the Apostles, seeing the Risen Christ, were moved from despair to



rejoicing, we too are called to let God's love transform our minds and hearts.

My prayer this Easter Season is for all of the members of our Archdiocese to experience the redemptive love of Christ through participation at Sunday Mass. From there we are sent forth to be loving, merciful and charitable toward others, to share the good news of Jesus Christ by joining our voices with those of His first disciples in acclaiming, "The

Lord is risen! He is truly risen!"

May the peace of the Risen Christ truly be with you, and may the great joy of Easter fill your hearts and lives in this season and throughout the year. "Alleluia!"

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*+ Leonard P. Blair*

**Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford**



## PARISH CALENDAR, MARCH 31, 2024

### **The Knights Sandwich Ministry**

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

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

### **Save The Dates:**

**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](mailto:jay11dum@gmail.com)

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

### **Thank you from the Knights-**

The Newington Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Parishioners for supporting our Palm Cross Fundraiser. It was a huge success. A special "Thank You" to Father Joe for blessing all the 175 Palm Crosses before they were distributed. The proceeds will be divided between Annunciation Parish and HARC. Thank you again for all your ongoing support of Knights activities. They allow us to make donations to these very worthy causes.

### **Food Collection for Newington Pantry**

The next collection is the weekend of:

**April 6 and 7.** 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.**

### **Volunteer Opportunity!**

Are you interested in helping immigrants and refugees learn to speak English? The House of Bread would love for you to join us in our efforts at our Jubilee House location (40 Clifford Street in Hartford) to help adult learners improve their language skills. We are expanding our afternoon program (Monday – Wednesday, 12:30-2:00 PM) where parents attend with their young children. Tutors are needed for the parents as well as babysitters for their children. Our wonderful Jubilee House volunteers are the essential ingredient to creating a friendly and safe learning environment where our students can improve communication skills and work towards their goals. You will work with an individual or lead a small group on one or more days each week. All that is needed is patience and a desire to help. There are also tutoring opportunities in the morning, (Monday-Thursday, 9:30-11:30). For more information, call Michele at 860-247-3030 x 12 or email at: [mpizio@hobread.org](mailto:mpizio@hobread.org). Come join our community and help make a difference in someone's life!

### **April 4 "Annunciation Parish Night" at the Knights of Columbus**

The KofC invite all parishioners to our home to meet and mingle with each other on the first Thursday of each month. The next night is April 4th for happy hour from 4:00 - 7:00. Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and beverages at members' prices. Feel free to bring food and snacks. Membership in the KofC is not required, and both men and women are welcome. The Knights of Columbus is located at 171 Pascone Place, Newington with parking and entrance in the rear of the building.

### **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll and Member Drive**

The KofC will hold our annual **Tootsie Roll Drive** after all Masses at **St. Mary's on Sunday, April 14,** and at **Holy Spirit on Saturday and Sunday, April 20/21.** Donations benefit intellectually challenged children and adults, i.e. HARC Inc and Newington's Challengers Baseball Team. At the same Masses, KofC Knights will be available at the doors to speak with Catholic men 18 and older interested in the KofC during our **Membership Drive.** Our Newington KofC is an active organization that supports our Parish, Community, and Families. Individuals may decide how much time to contribute to our organization. Thank-you!

### **April 16 Knights of Columbus Financial Wellness Workshop with Annunciation Parish**

Give Your Dream a Voice. Newington's KofC's recognized field agent, Frank Emanuele, will hold a Personal Wellness Workshop with our Parish on Tuesday, **April 16, at 6:30 in Holy Spirit Hall.** He will discuss and educate attendees on assessing your financial situation, creating a spending plan, paying back debt, planning for retirement and growing your savings. Attendance is free of charge.

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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.



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

### **The Easter Season**

The Easter Season refers to the Great Fifty Days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, a celebration of our participation in Christ's resurrection which brings us from the death of sin to a life of grace. Its last ten days (prior to Pentecost) focus on the promise of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The fiftieth day (*pente-*) is seven (the perfect number) squared plus one (the first day of the New Life).

The word Easter probably has roots in the Norse term *Eostur*, the season of the rising sun, or the time of the new birth of spring. Both these meanings lend themselves well to Christian symbolism for the new life of the Risen Christ, the eternal light.

### **Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

This is the day we have been waiting and preparing for during Lent and Holy Week—a day of triumph, and of resurrected life begun! As we have committed to strip our lives of whatever keeps us from God, now, in the light of the dawn, we can see clearly who Jesus really is and what he comes to give to us in profound love.

As we listen to the readings at Mass, we sing “Alleluia” along with the entire Christian world, past and present. Because we have entered into Jesus' suffering ourselves during the days of Holy Week, the “Alleluia” resounds all the more profoundly in our hearts; as we have faced the suffering, we now share in the joy. It's a joy that we will continue to celebrate during the next fifty days—the time between now and Pentecost, called the “Easter Season.”

The date of Easter has had some controversy in the early Church and was a high priority in the year 325 when Emperor Constantine (Son of St. Helena) called the Church together for a meeting, this meeting called the Council of Nicaea. The decision at the Council was that Easter would be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. That is why the date of Easter changes each year but will always fall between March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>.

As the Church is decorated with Easter Lilies, did you know that lilies did not exist in North America until about 100 years ago? The white trumpet lily, which blooms naturally in springtime, (hence the popular name “Easter Lily”) was introduced from Bermuda by Mrs. Thomas P. Sargent. These lilies have been associated with Easter as much as poinsettias are with Christmas. In early Christian art (like in the statue of St. Joseph) the lily is a symbol of purity because of its delicacy of form and its whiteness. For this reason it serves well as a symbol of resurrection.

Information for the above, “Did You Know,” was taken from Catholic Customs and Traditions by Greg Dues, Twenty-Third Publications, 2004 and How To Celebrate the Easter Season, by Amy Welborn, Our Sunday Visitor, 2008.



### **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 interested, please leave your name and number at the rectory. Thank you!