



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 30, 2025

## **PARISH OFFICE**

626 Willard Ave. (All Mail Please)  
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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)

He was lost and has  
been found.

Luke 15:32



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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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 30, 2025

## 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

fr.kukulka@aohct.org

**Rev. Joseph Pullikattil**, Parochial Vicar

fr.pullikattil@aohct.org

### Weekend Associates

**Rev. Lawrence Bock**

**Msgr. James Kinnane**

### Deacons

**James Blanchette**

deaconjimb@annunciationnewington.com

**Bruce Thompson**, Senior Deacon

### Music Ministry

**Mark Neumann**, Parish Director of Music

neumn@hotmail.com

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music.dyson@annunciationnewington.com

**Business Manager**, Deacon Julio Maturana

business@annunciationnewington.com

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**Deacon James Blanchette**, Director of Religious Education

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**Eliza Harris**, Coordinator of Religious Education

CRE@annunciationnewington.com

### 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 – 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** Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 30, 2025

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 29th, The Vigil For The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Kate Lynn & Kenneth & Normand Hebert,  
By Their Family

### Sunday, March 30th, The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

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

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Graham Rode, By Sabrina Colangelo & Family

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Albertine Anest, By The Annunciation Parish  
Women's Guild

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Joan Harpie, By The Annunciation Parish  
Women's Guild

### Monday, March 31st, Lenten Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Stanley Puchala, By His Daughter

### Tuesday, April 1st, Lenten Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Kimberly Lasiw (Living)

### Wednesday, April 2nd, Lenten Weekday & Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. James Bold, 5th Anniversary, By His Family

### Thursday, April 3rd, Lenten Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Benjamin Zacharias, By His Family

### Friday, April 4th, Lenten Weekday & Saint Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Cornelius & Edmund Cleary, By Jerry Griffin

### Saturday, April 5th, The Vigil For The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. James Kupec, 1st Anniversary,  
By Michael & Beverly Knybel & Carrie Brooks

### Sunday, April 6th, The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Philomena Discenza, By Her Family

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Val Profetti, 55th Anniversary, By His Daughters

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Jim Smola, 5th Anniversary, By His Wife Sue

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



## In Loving Memory

### We pray for...

**Arlene Freberg**

**Bernice Patrissi**

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

## Parish Support

### March 23, 2025

Weekly \$10,677

Online Giving \$3,586

Total \$14,263

## 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 March 30th-April 5th

For: **John Webster**

By: His Wife



## Mass Policy Update

Moving forward, when scheduling masses, payment is expected at the time of booking.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## Save the Date: May 3, 2025

### **Annunciation Parish will be hosting Comedy Night at St. Mary's School!**

Tickets are now available for purchase!  
Tickets will be available for purchase after all masses at both churches the weekend of **April 26th/27th.**

For tickets and more information please contact: Jay Dumais at (860)836-8243 or email [jay11dum@gmail.com](mailto:jay11dum@gmail.com)



# PARISH CALENDAR, MARCH 30, 2025

## The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **May 18th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot. \*There is no collection in April.

## 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

**The Women's Guild Executive Board** will meet on Monday, **April 7th**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **April 15th**. The evening will begin with a Mass held at 5:00 pm in the Holy Spirit Church given for deceased Priests of Annunciation Parish and deceased members of the guild. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Janusz Kukulka. The Women's Guild will provide a light supper in the Holy Spirit Church hall immediately following the Mass. Members attending are requested to bring a finger food dessert to share. Refrigeration will not be available.

## Knights of Columbus Sunday Breakfast

Make plans to join fellow parishioners at the Knights of Columbus Palm Sunday Breakfast on **April 13th** from **8:00 to 11 a.m.**

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

In order to properly plan, tickets will be sold at **St. Mary's on March 30th** and at **Holy Spirit on April 5-6th**. 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 to the Veterans. Please contact Ray Dunn at: 860-878-0467 with any questions. Thank you!



## Palm Cross 2025 Order Form

Annunciation Parish  
Newington Knights of Columbus Council #3884



- Beautiful 24" x 12" Palm Crosses
- Decorated with 60 pieces of Palm
- Purple Ribbon
- 2 Artificial Lilies
- Individually Bagged
- \$13 Each

Please place the order form and payment in a plain envelope labeled "Palm Crosses" and return in the collection basket by **March 30th**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Crosses: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00 Each

Paid by: CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KOFC COUNCIL 3884**

Crosses will be available for pick up at Holy Spirit Church Hall on Saturday, April 5th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

If there are questions, please contact:  
Bill Mitchell 860-436-2669; wtmitchell1927@gmail.com



## 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:** Veneration of the Cross: St. Mary, 3:00 p.m.

**Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets:** Located at both Churches at 11:00 a.m.

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

**Easter Sunday Masses:** Regular Sunday Schedule



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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. Here is this year's schedule:



**Friday April 4th - Annunciation Men's Fellowship**

**Friday April 11th - CCD 9th and 10th Graders**

Please contact Jay Dumais at (860)836-8243 if you have any questions.

## **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** Fridays During Lent:  
**12:10** at St. Mary and **7:00 p.m.** at Holy Spirit

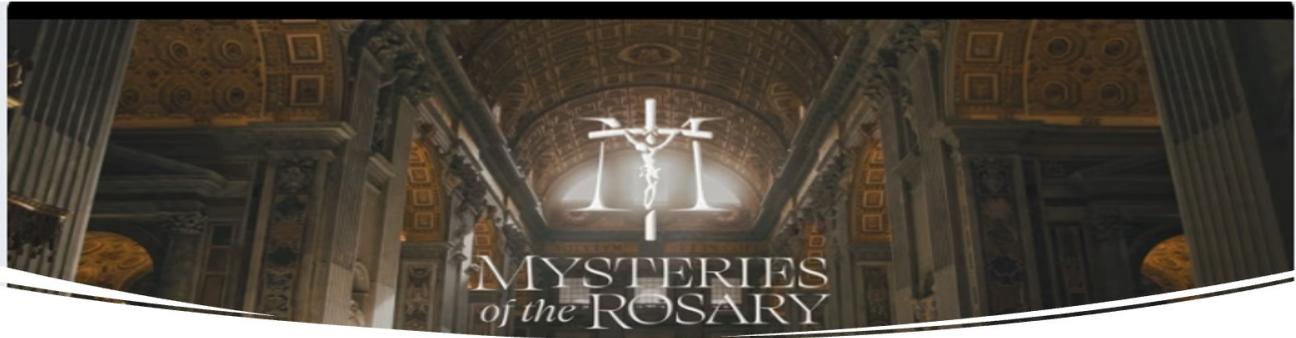


**March 29th is a fitting choice for a day honoring Vietnam veterans. It was chosen to be observed in perpetuity as March 29, 1973 was the day United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and also the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. We thank you for your service!**



The New Britain Council of Catholic Women announces its annual scholarship application process. We award \$1500 to an 8th grader going to a Catholic high school and \$1500 to a high school senior going into college. Each must be a parishioner within the Council's parishes and meet certain requirements outlined on the application. The application must be requested via e-mail at [nbccw2@gmail.com](mailto:nbccw2@gmail.com). Completed application and attachments must be received at the same e-mail address by May 5, 2025. No hard copies accepted. Scholarships will be awarded at the banquet in June, 2025.





## Paradisus Dei The Mysteries of Rosary “Glorious Mysteries”

- Thursday Nights April 24<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Holy Spirit Hall
- This will take you deeper into each of the Glorious Mysteries each week, followed by a brief discussion and ending with praying the Rosary together
- Refreshments provided.
- Angelo Marchetti – 860-202-1612
- [angelomarchetti2367@outlook.com](mailto:angelomarchetti2367@outlook.com)

### **FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE NEWINGTON PANTRY**

A very sincere “Thank You” to all who participated in the K of C Food Pantry Collection, this month we collected 374 lbs of non-perishable food and hygiene items.

The Food Pantry is so grateful for your generosity.

**The next collection is the weekend of: April 5th & 6th.**

Thank you for living 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.**





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PARISH

FREE  
ENTRY

# EASTER

• EGG HUNT •



SATURDAY, APRIL 12 AT 10 AM

**FUN GAMES AND PRIZES**

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
183 CHURCH ST, NEWINGTON, CT

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**CONNECTICUT DISTRICT FOURTH DEGREE**



**THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE OF THE ORDER**



**ATTENTION ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS**

On Sunday April 6, 2025 there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification that will take place at  
**ST. MARY'S CHURCH 5 HILLHOUSE AVE NEW HAVEN, CT 06510**

Any member in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree & in good standing is welcome to partake in this event.

This is the first 4th Degree Exemplification taking place in CT that is open to non-Knights. Due to the high expected turnout, candidates will be limited to purchasing just one guest ticket.\*\*\*

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

11:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM REGISTRATION

1:30 PM EXEMPLIFICATION

2:45 PM LUNCHEON

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR GRAND KNIGHT OR PLEASE VISIT

<https://www.kofcctdistrict.org/upcoming-exemplification.html>



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



# Branches on the Vine

MARCH 29 - APRIL 4, 2025



From left, Barbara Ciotti and Jackie Roe of St. Margaret Church and Sue Croce of St. George Church at the Little Miracles warehouse in North Branford. Photo courtesy of Joe Pisani

## PUTTING A SMILE ON THE FACES OF CHILDREN LITTLE MIRACLES MINISTRY PROVIDES ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES.

- Story by Joe Pisani

At Christmas time, Barbara Ciotti called 20 families whose children probably wouldn't find toys from Santa under the tree. Then, she and her volunteers from the Little Miracles ministry of St. Margaret Church in Madison and St. George Church in Guilford performed a little miracle of their own.

They scoured their warehouse, taking toys and stuff animals off the shelves, and delivered them to the families in time for the holiday.

"If we hadn't done that, they probably would've had nothing to celebrate at Christmas," says Ciotti, coordinator of the respect-life ministry, which for almost 30 years has helped needy families and single parents with young children by providing diapers, clothing, car seats, strollers, toys and other baby items donated by parishioners and community members.

"We distribute them to people in about seven towns from West Haven to Westbrook," she says at their Branford storage facility, where volunteers unpack donations and prepare them for delivery. "We take in donations and give out donations to anyone who needs them, and the need is great."

People drop off things at the parish center or come to the warehouse. Social service agencies often refer their clients to Little Miracles.

At Christmas, clients receive a Walmart gift card; at Thanksgiving, St. George Church supplies turkeys; and at Easter, holiday baskets are passed out to families.

Little Miracles assists some 100 families a year with children usually up to 6 years old.

"I recently got a call from a social service agency about a woman who has five children, and were probably living in a shelter," Ciotti says. "They all needed something. We try to make it better so the kids can smile."

She recalls a woman Little Miracles has helped from the time she had her first baby. Now, she has four children, three who are suffering medical issues, and no husband. She also lost her housing.

"She is a wonderful person and a great mom who has had terrible luck," Ciotti says. "Those of us who have money often don't realize the need. It's hard to look the other way."

Little Miracles was started in 1996 by a group of women led by the late Lily Molloy. Ciotti has volunteered for 18 years and been coordinator for 15.

"We store a lot of these items in a small warehouse space that has been donated to us," Ciotti says. "But we need to move again and are looking for a space approximately 1,000 to 1,500 square feet in the Guilford-Branford area that can be our 'forever home.'"

The volunteers are kind-hearted people who want to do their part, Ciotti adds, but more are needed. Also, a new coordinator is needed for one day a week.

Sue Croce, who began volunteering at Thanksgiving, says, "I'm a grandmother who has a soft spot in my heart for babies, and I wanted to give back."

Her colleague, Jackie Roe, has been with the ministry a year and describes the work as "pure fun." Volunteers also include Fran Aquarulo, Judy Shauk, Margaret Healy and Paula Filippone.

*(Little Miracles volunteers meet on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at a storage area in Branford to organize donations and package items for distribution. For information about making donations or volunteering, contact Barbara Ciotti at 203.464.2644.)*



# Upcoming Events



03/29 SATURDAY 1PM  
**FACES OF HOMELESSNESS**  
St. Augustine Church, 55 Hopewell Rd.,  
South Glastonbury

You are invited to a FREE program called Faces of Homelessness, sponsored by SS. Isidore and Maria Parish and Hands On Hartford. We'll hear from two individuals who have experienced homelessness, sharing their journeys, struggles, and triumphs. Visit [www.isidoreandmaria.org/faceshomelessness](http://www.isidoreandmaria.org/faceshomelessness) to register.



04/4 FRIDAY 6:30PM  
**HEALING MASS AT ST. ANTHONY CHURCH OF PROSPECT**  
St. Anthony Church, 4 Union City Rd,  
Prospect

This Mass is for everyone who would like to experience spiritual, physical or emotion healing. God is doing the healing; we are the instruments used to make a prayerful environment. In addition to the beautiful Celebration of the Eucharist, the powerful rites of the Anointing of the Sick and the Laying on of Hands will also be offered. All are welcome!



04/4 - 04/6 WEEKEND  
**SAINT BRIDGET DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE OF ALADDIN JR.**  
Saint Bridget School, 74 Main Street  
Manchester

Come to Agrabah where a genie grants your wishes and carpets fly! Buy your tickets for Disney's Aladdin Jr. performance to be held on April 4th, 5th and 6th. This is a show you don't want to miss!

Tickets are \$8. Scan the QR code to purchase or send payment to the school office with a note of how many tickets you would like for which show.

04/4 Friday 7PM  
04/5 Saturday 7PM  
04/6 Sunday 2PM



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04/6 SUNDAY 3PM  
**LENTEN REFLECTIONS CONCERT**  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 785  
Highland Avenue, Waterbury  
Handicap accessible elevator  
(America Street entrance)

Elm Street Brass (Yale University students)  
The concert will feature music written by Palestrina, Tallis, Victoria, Allegri, Bruckner, Brahms, Pergolesi, Dubois, and more. Free-will donation

## 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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