



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

626 Willard Ave. (All Mail Please)
Newington, CT 06111
Phone: (860) 666-1591

Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
9:00am - 2:00pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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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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Witness

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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.

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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 – Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44

Friday 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 Lk 20:27-40

Sunday 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 15th, The Vigil For The Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. James E. Mattern, By His Wife, Lynn Lutz

Sunday, November 16th, The Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Clem, Charlie & Chuck Donnelly, By Gail

H/S 9:15 a.m. Guildard Roy, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild,

S/M 10:30 a.m. Anthony, Pauline & Margarite Sarubbi, By Their Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Corinda Rocco, By M/M Angelo Marchetti & Family

Monday, November 17th, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

H/S 9:00 a.m. Kurian Navallil, 1st Anniversary, By His Sister

Tuesday, November 18th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Anna Petroka, By Derek S. Petroka

Wednesday, November 19th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Liliana Yousef, By Marco Suarez

Thursday, November 20th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. N D Chandy Nedumkunnel, By The Family

Friday, November 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

H/S 9:00 a.m. Christina Chacko, Birthday (Living) By Her Parents

Saturday, November 22nd, The Vigil For Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

H/S 4:00 p.m. John & Mary Hamm, By Dennis & Marge McDonald

Sunday, November 23rd, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

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

H/S 9:15 a.m. Helen & Richard Murdock, By Carol Ann & Al Slivinkas & The Carmienke Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Antonio Gugliotti, By His Wife & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Moniz, By Her Family



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Barbara Dowjat

Anthony Stawarz

Joaquina Simoes

Shirley Stephens-Victor

Parish Support

November 9, 2025

Weekly \$12,197

Online Giving \$4,404

Total \$16,601

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



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

Josie Mae Hedberg

***The Confirmation date for our students will be Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 2:30 at Saint Joseph's Cathedral.**

***Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty.**

Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect, remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at: www.uscch.org/cchd.

PARISH CALENDAR, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **November 16th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, December 7th @ both churches

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 Fellowship Group

...meets every Thursday of every from **6:30-8:00 pm** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Kim Marchetti at: (860) 202-0020

The Women's Guild

The Women's Guild Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, **December 2nd**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **December 16th**. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

Annunciation Parish's Annual Fund for 2025 has begun. This collection provides much-needed revenue to help balance the annual operating budget. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today. Thank you!



***New members are welcome to join the Women's Guild at any meeting during the year.**

November meeting attendees are requested to bring non perishable food items, particularly items for Thanksgiving meals, to the meeting. They will be donated to the Food Pantry at Maria Reina De La Paz Church (formerly St. Lawrence O'Toole) in Hartford. The pantry serves our brothers and sisters in need in the Hartford Community meeting during the year.

The Women's Guild will be holding a fundraiser Bake Sale on the weekend of **November 22nd and 23rd. Items will be available for purchase at the entrance door of both churches after each weekend Mass (Saturday at Holy Spirit only, Sunday at Holy Spirit and St. Mary's). Food donations may be brought to the Holy Spirit Church Hall on Friday November 21st and Saturday November 22nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. ***Please indicate on a label if any items contain nuts.****



Thank you!

Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program

Once again our parish can participate in the Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program. Our Seminararians have little or no earning power during their years of formation, but they still have personal expenses. Whether their need is gas to travel to parish assignments, an unexpected car repair, or maybe just enough black socks to get through the week, they can use a helping hand. Your assistance in helping them to meet their everyday expenses that occur, is a great sign of support for their generous response to God's call, affirming them in their desire to dedicate their lives to Christ and serve the faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford. If you would like to participate in this program, you can ask for an envelope from the priest after Mass or just hand in a gift card with a personal note of Christmas Wishes.



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The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C calls us to reflect on our actions and the end times. The readings remind us of the importance of staying faithful and diligent. They remind us that despite the trials we face, God's justice and healing will prevail.



- **Judgment Day:** Malachi speaks of a fierce day when the arrogant and wicked will be punished. This day will bring justice and healing for those who honor God.
- **Hard Work:** In 2 Thessalonians, Paul emphasizes the value of hard work. He warns against idleness and encourages everyone to earn their keep.
- **Future Trials:** Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and describes future hardships. He speaks of wars, disasters, and persecution that followers will face.
- **Faithfulness in Persecution:** Jesus promises to give wisdom to those who are persecuted for their faith. He assures them that they will be preserved if they endure these trials.
- **Endurance:** Endurance is highlighted in the Gospel as necessary for salvation. Those who stand firm in their faith will be saved.

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A Special Thank You

A special thank you to The Newington Memorial Funeral Home and The Duksa Family. It is through their kindness and generosity, that the altar was decorated with roses for the parish Memorial Mass last Monday evening. The roses were given out to the family members who attended the annual Mass of Remembrance.

The funeral home also sponsors the calendars that will be available soon for you to take home. These beautiful calendars are a great way to keep God front and center in our lives each day! Thank you Diana and the Duksa Family for your continued support!



The Annunciation Women's Guild will hold their Christmas Party on Tuesday December 16th in the Holy Spirit Church hall. Doors open at 5:00 pm, with appetizers (Stuffed mushrooms, Baked Brie, cheese and crackers and 3 others to be determined) provided at 5:30 pm, followed by the meal. All Women's Guild members are invited to attend, and each member may bring one guest if they choose to. The evening will include a served family style meal catered by Michaels Catering, a teacup raffle and musical entertainment. The meal consists of the hot and cold appetizers, Chicken Marsala, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Penne Pasta with meat sauce, Garlic roasted red bliss potatoes, Green beans with julienne carrots, Garden salad with rolls and butter, cheesecake, coffee and tea. The musical entertainment will be provided by Tom "T-bone" Stankus. The Women's Guild will subsidize the cost for members only. The cost for the evenings will be \$45 per member only. The cost for a non member/guest is \$60. Response and payment are due by December 4th. Payment by a check should be made out to Annunciation Women's Guild. Please place your payment in a blank envelope, label with Annunciation Women's Guild Christmas Party, include your name and a guest name if appropriate, and put in a collection basket at any Mass at either church by November 29th. Attendees are requested to bring item(s) to be donated to the House of Bread to be distributed to those in need. Items requested include new T-shirts, socks and underwear for Women and Men. You may contact Lynn Lutz at lutz62511@gmail.com or call/text at :860-604-6798 for any questions.



4th Annual Turkey Drive!

Nov 22, 4pm-8pm

**Hosted by Knights of Columbus
171 Pascone Pl,
Newington, CT 06111**

**Music by Travis and Friends
4pm-6pm**

**Open jam 6pm-8pm
Back line provided**

Complimentary Buffet

**Admission: 1 Frozen Turkey please
Canned goods also accepted**



All proceeds go to FoodShare

Annunciation Parish
Invites you to join in

Advent Giving

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us turn our hearts and thoughts to those less fortunate and in need. In the spirit of this time of giving, we are asking for Gift Cards only. The gift cards would benefit teenagers struggling with many of life's challenges. Gift Cards such as Amazon, Walmart, Target and CVS would be helpful for our outreach.

Gift Cards may be returned to the rectory at Saint Mary Church or may be placed in the collection baskets with the envelopes marked CHR Christmas.

Thank you for bringing hope and light to their holiday and for your continued generosity and support!

***ALL GIFT CARDS must be returned by Sunday, December 14, 2025 to ensure Timely distribution to all organizations.**



SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH
HOLIDAY FAIR

November 22, 2025

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**St. James Church
767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill**

**COOKIE WALK ~ BAKE SALE ~ CRAFT VENDORS
TEACUP RAFFLE ~ SILENT AUCTION ~ HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS
FUN FOODS TO BUY & ENJOY!**

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

NOVEMBER 15 - 21, 2025



Cross Mountain in Medjugorje has a 28-foot concrete cross at the top, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus. Pilgrims walk the Stations of the Cross on the way up. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Ed and Joanne Arrandale visit the Franciscan Monastery of St. Anthony Padua in Humac. SUBMITTED PHOTO

PILGRIMAGE SET TO HONOR PRIESTS, INCREASE VOCATIONS

On a June evening last year, Joanne and Ed Arrandale of St. Margaret Church in Madison joined thousands of pilgrims as they walked up a hill in Medjugorje for an apparition of the Blessed Mother on the 43rd anniversary of her first appearance to six young people in 1981. “I had this desire to be in the same place as the Blessed Mother was appearing,” Joanne recalls. “I wanted to be where she was.”

When Our Lady appeared, the visionaries fell to their knees, people stopped praying the rosary and silence descended on the hillside in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina. “It was incredible,” she says. “To be on this hill with thousands of people, and there was dead silence -- and you knew you were in the presence of the Blessed Mother.”

Her anniversary message was: “Dear children, I rejoice with you and thank God for permitting me to be with you, to lead you and love you. Little children, peace is in danger and the family is under attack. I am calling you, little children, to return to prayer in the family. Put sacred Scripture in a visible place and read it every day. Love God, above all, that it may be good for you on Earth. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Our Lady of Medjugorje urges people to receive the Eucharist, pray the rosary, read the Bible, fast, and go to monthly confession. “In Medjugorje, you experience one of the most spiritual and peaceful places, where heaven touches Earth,” Joanne says. “The idea came to me to bring others back to share it with them. The Blessed Mother wants us to spread what’s happening there.”

Inspired by her experience, the Arrandales are organizing a pilgrimage, where others can deepen their faith and pray for priests, seminarians and new vocations. A member of the Archdiocesan Vocations Ministry, she approached Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations & Seminarians, with her idea and for his participation.

“I was really impressed when I heard Joanne was organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, specifically to pray for priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford and new vocations to the priesthood,” Father Federico says. “It means a lot to me to know there are folks who are deeply committed to this particular need of the Church, which of course has become so important to me in my current assignment.”

The pilgrimage is scheduled for **April 11 to 18, 2026**. Among the planned activities, the group will celebrate daily Mass at St. James Church, climb Apparition Hill, and walk the Stations of the Cross to the summit of Cross Mountain, where a 28-foot cross commemorates Christ’s crucifixion.

“I’m excited. I have never been there before but have heard such incredible testimonials from those who have, and I am eager to see it for myself,” Father Federico says. “I am open to encountering and receiving what Our Lady has planned for me there and bringing the fruits of that back home to Hartford.”

Joanne says the pilgrimage is dedicated to priests and seminarians because “they certainly deserve our prayers.”

“I also want to put a smile on the faces of the Blessed Mother and Jesus and have them say, ‘Yes, we’ll take care of your priests,’” she adds. To learn more about the pilgrimage and apparitions in Medjugorje, call 203.318.8590 or email jarrandale@comcast.net. Registration for the trip should be done by Dec. 1.

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events



Adoration Christ the King



Sunday, November 23 at 7:00 pm
St. Mary Church * Derby

* All are welcome to join us for a joyful night of Eucharistic Adoration on the last Sunday of the Church Liturgical year. The Scripture, reflections, and songs will be in both English and Spanish. You will also have the chance to touch the humoral veil and ask the Lord for healing and hope. Our guest band will be Revival Worship.

* Following adoration we will have some time of fellowship with "Prosecco on the Porch."

* Come and rejoice in praise and worship as we thank Jesus for so many blessings this past liturgical year and ask for the grace to be more deeply immersed in the Paschal Mystery in the new year to come starting the First Sunday of Advent!






SACRED HEART ON THE LAKE RETREAT CENTER

194 Candlewood Hill Rd. Higganum, CT. 06441

TWO ADVENT RETREAT DAYS
PRAYING WITH THE 7 O' ANTIPHONS
ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Saturdays, December 6th and the 13th from
9:30am to 3:00pm

Both of these Retreat Days will focus on praying with the deep meanings of the 7 O' Antiphons. During the final days of Advent, the Church offers an ancient and timeless way of anticipating the celebration of Christmas: The O' Antiphons. Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. Donation asked - \$35.- Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch. To register online go to sacredheartonthelake.org or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.

Spiritual Direction in a Group Setting

HOLY FAMILY
PASSIONIST
RETREAT CENTER

Tuesdays, November 18,
December 2, 9, 16 2025
1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (ET)
Ellen Graham and Mary Marsan



Scan to sign up or learn more

This program will allow participants to experience spiritual direction—either for the first time or perhaps in a new way—in a small group setting. Over four weeks, two directors from The Center for Spiritual Direction at Holy Family will facilitate a shared experience of spiritual direction. During these sessions, participants will learn to share and reflect upon their spiritual journeys, hold space and silence together, prayerfully, and deepen their personal practices of prayer. No previous experience in spiritual direction is needed.

There is no meeting on Tuesday, November 25 during the week of Thanksgiving.

Offering: \$150

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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28,269 generous donors

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