



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

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Newington, CT 06111
Phone: (860) 666-1591

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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Stay awake!

For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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 – First Sunday Of Advent

Monday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 18 Rom 15:4-10 Mt 3:1-13

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29th, The Vigil For The First Sunday Of Advent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Louis & Harriette Nelson,
By Laurel Decker and Jim & Michele Nelson

Sunday, November 30th, The First Sunday Of Advent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Cecile & Norman LeBrun, By Marie
H/S 9:15 a.m. Mrs. Teofile Slivinskas, By Carol Ann & Al Slivinskas
S/M 10:30 a.m. The Buckley and Presmarita Families,
By Their Children
H/S 12:00 p.m. Arlene Freberg, By The Annunciation Parish
Ladies Guild

Monday, December 1st, Advent Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Veronica Revicki, By Maria V.

Tuesday, December 2nd, Advent Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Hamilton, By Jerry Griffin

Wednesday, December 3rd, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. No intention

Thursday, December 4th, Advent Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. No intention

Friday, December 5th Advent Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Sanja Trifone, By Her Parents

Saturday, December 6th, The Vigil For The Second Sunday Of Advent

H/S 4:00 p.m. Giovanni "John" Treviso and His Deceased
Family Members, By His Wife & Children

Sunday, December 7th, The Second Sunday Of Advent

S/M 8:00 a.m. Al & Barbara Grimaldi, By Donna Percoski
H/S 9:15 a.m. Ann Profetti, Birthday Remembrance, By Her Family
S/M 10:30 a.m. Anthony Armentano, By Gail & Ben
H/S 12:00 p.m. Pietro Niro & Peter Niro, Jr., By His 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...

Vincent Paul Sarubbi

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



Congratulations To Our Newlyweds

We joyfully extend our Congratulations to:

Andrij Grynyk & Julia Mazur

who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in our Parish.

May the Lord bless their married life with good health, happiness and peace for many years to come.

PARISH CALENDAR, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **December 21st 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.

Advent and Sacred Music: A Message from the Parish Director of Music Mark Neumann

Advent is about preparing our hearts for the birth of Christ. Musically we will begin each weekend with a different verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Originally in Latin, the song dates back to the 8th century: "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel!" These verses prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

Happy Advent!

*O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel*



Christmas 2025 Mass Schedule:

12/24, Christmas Vigils:

4:00 pm (Holy Spirit and St. Mary),
10:00 pm (St. Mary's)

12/25, Christmas Day:

8:00 am (St. Mary's)
9:15 am (Holy Spirit),



We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. Thank you!

The Women's Guild would like to thank: Jackie Gilligan and Jean Fuzie for co-chairing our recent Bake Sale Fundraiser, and all the members who donated baked goods and volunteered to organize and sell them. We especially thank all the parishioners who bought items and/or gave monetary donations. Your support of our fundraiser is appreciated!

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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Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man. *Luke 21:36*

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. This season prepares us for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end of time.



- **Hope in God's Promise:** Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to bring justice and righteousness. This reminds us to trust in God's plans.
- **Faithful Waiting:** Jeremiah shows God's faithfulness in fulfilling promises. We learn to wait with faith and patience.
- **Love and Increase:** Paul prays for love to increase in the Thessalonians. This teaches us to grow in love and holiness.
- **Holiness and Conduct:** Paul urges the Thessalonians to live in holiness. We are reminded to live in ways that please God.
- **Watchfulness:** Jesus warns of signs and the need to be vigilant. We should stay alert and faithful, ready for His coming.
- **Prayer and Strength:** Jesus calls for prayer and strength to face challenges. We rely on prayer to stay strong in our faith.

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C encourages us to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus' coming. Through hope, love, and vigilance, we grow closer to Him.

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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.



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The Advent Wreath

Probably the most popular tradition today in Advent is lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath in both churches and homes. This custom originated among the Lutherans in Germany in the 16th Century and quickly became popular in other areas. The tradition of the Advent Wreath came to America with German immigrants. It was popularized among Catholics with the liturgical movement in the mid-1900s.



The Advent Wreath, which may be of any size, is made of evergreens and has four candles, one for each week of Advent. There are either four purple candles with some designation for the third week of Advent or there are three purple candles and one pink or rose candle. Purple is the traditional color of the season, because of its penitential focus, and rose or pink is used to catch our attention, for on the third week of Advent we refocus our attention to the pending arrival of the Christ child.

The true symbolism of the wreath is light. Light increases, pushing out darkness week after week, until we get to the celebration of the light of the world coming into the world at Christmas.

Wreaths have always been symbolic of victory and glory. The basic symbolism of the Advent Wreath goes beyond this. It lies in the tension between darkness and light. It represents the long time when people lived in spiritual darkness, waiting for the coming of the Messiah, the light of the world.

Each year in Advent people wait once again in darkness for the coming of the Lord, his historical coming in the mystery of Bethlehem, his final coming at the end of time, and his special coming in every moment of grace.

As we celebrate this season of prayer, repentance and preparation for the Lord, may we be blessed with His grace each day so that we can look at these weeks and see how blessed we are to appropriately prepare for the birth of our Savior. Happy Advent!

The Figures of Advent

The scriptures of Advent reacquaint us with several key figures in the Bible. All of the prophecies of the season are significant, but the ones that stand out come from Isaiah. The prophet Isaiah wrote 770 years before the birth of Jesus yet he foretells the coming of Jesus, (Is 11:1-10) “a shoot from the stump of Jesse, miraculously born to a virgin.” Jesse is the father of King David, the greatest king of Israel and it is from the family line of David that Joseph is connected. As a result the prophecy comes true, the King of kings is born to the line of Jesse and it is Jesus. In his writings, the prophet Isaiah also gives the people hope. Hope is something we need in and out of the Advent season. There is hope that God will intervene in our difficulties (Is 64:1-4), God comforts Jerusalem and the glory of the Lord will be revealed (Is 40:1-5), and Isaiah even identifies Jesus by referring to him as Emmanuel, “God is with us.”



John the Baptist is another key figure in the Advent readings during Mass. John the Baptist prefigures Jesus in many ways; mysterious events led up to both births, the two pregnant mothers visited and greeted one another and miraculous signs heralded the births of both children. John grows to preach about the coming of the Lord while issuing a call to repentance and then John suffered a cruel, premature death at the hands of an authority both intrigued and fearful of him. In birth, life, and death, John prefigured Jesus.”

The third great figure of this season is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Advent includes two of her celebrations, the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Immaculate Conception on December 8th Mass celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Holy Spirit) and 12:10 (St. Mary) celebrates the belief that Mary lived completely without sin, even from the moment of her conception. God thus made her a worthy vessel to receive the Word made flesh. On December 12th the Church celebrates Mary’s appearance to Juan Diego in Mexico, where she delivered her own message of deliverance and hope. In addition, scriptures of this season highlight Mary’s life with the annunciation by the angel Gabriel, Joseph’s encounter with an angel in a dream, the visitation to Elizabeth and Mary’s saying yes to God in his plan for salvation.

Three important figures are highlighted in the Advent season, three people who show and live out salvation history, the history that we come to thank God for and celebrate with great joy and happiness at Christmas.



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8AM-11AM, SATURDAY**

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AND THEIR AGES.**

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Holiday Remembrance

Saturday, December 6, 2025

We believe that setting aside a time to remember our loved ones during the holiday season brings great peace and much comfort. This year we will again be holding our Holiday Remembrance program at both of our locations.

During the remembrance we will be displaying a photo slideshow of the loved ones we are remembering. If you would like to share a photo for this year's video, please bring a picture to either funeral home location or email a photo (with your loved one's name) to: Krystyna@newingtonmemorial.com

All photos for the DVD must be received by Friday, November 28th.

We invite you to bring an ornament to hang on our tree, or you may design an ornament at the funeral home before the program.

This program is complimentary and open to all.

BURRITT HILL FUNERAL HOME

332 Burritt Street - New Britain

1:00 p.m.

(Registration is from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.)



NEWINGTON MEMORIAL

20 Bonair Avenue - Newington

4:00 p.m.

(Registration is from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.)



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.**

Upcoming Events

Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish 175 Main St. Cheshire, CT 06410

Advent Mission 2025

Rooted in Hope

Free CHILDCARE!

with **Dave Nodar**
 Founder and Senior Leader of **CHRISTLIFE**
 CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION

Dec. 7 Sunday 6:30 pm
 Dec. 8 Monday 7:00 pm
 Dec. 9 Tuesday 6:30 pm

Reception to follow after each show!

Need a daytime showing?
 Special show at 1:30 December 7!

Register with *Sister Fiat Marie* srfiatmarie@cheshirecatholic.org
 203-272-3531



12/6 SATURDAY 9AM - 3PM
CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE
 Saint Lawrence School
 231 Main St, West Haven



12/16 TUESDAY 7:30PM
CHRISTMAS WITH HARTFORD CHORALE
 Cathedral of Saint Joseph
 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford

Step back in time at our Old Fashioned Christmas in the Schoolhouse Fair, celebrated in our beloved historic Catholic School. For over 25 years, this treasured tradition has brought families together in faith, joy and holiday spirit. All are welcome!

Enjoy beloved carols and seasonal music accompanied by full orchestra. In addition to a carol-sing, we are pleased to bring you Christmas Cantata: Ballad of the Brown King by Margaret Bonds, Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Saëns, and Sir John Rutter's Magnificat.

Admission is free, but we strongly urge you to register in advance at www.hartfordchorale.org. Parking is available onsite at the Cathedral or across the street at Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item to support the Cathedral Community Center in providing food, clothing, and housewares to those in need.

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\$9,609,626.18 pledges from 28,703 generous donors



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