



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 12, 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**

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:**

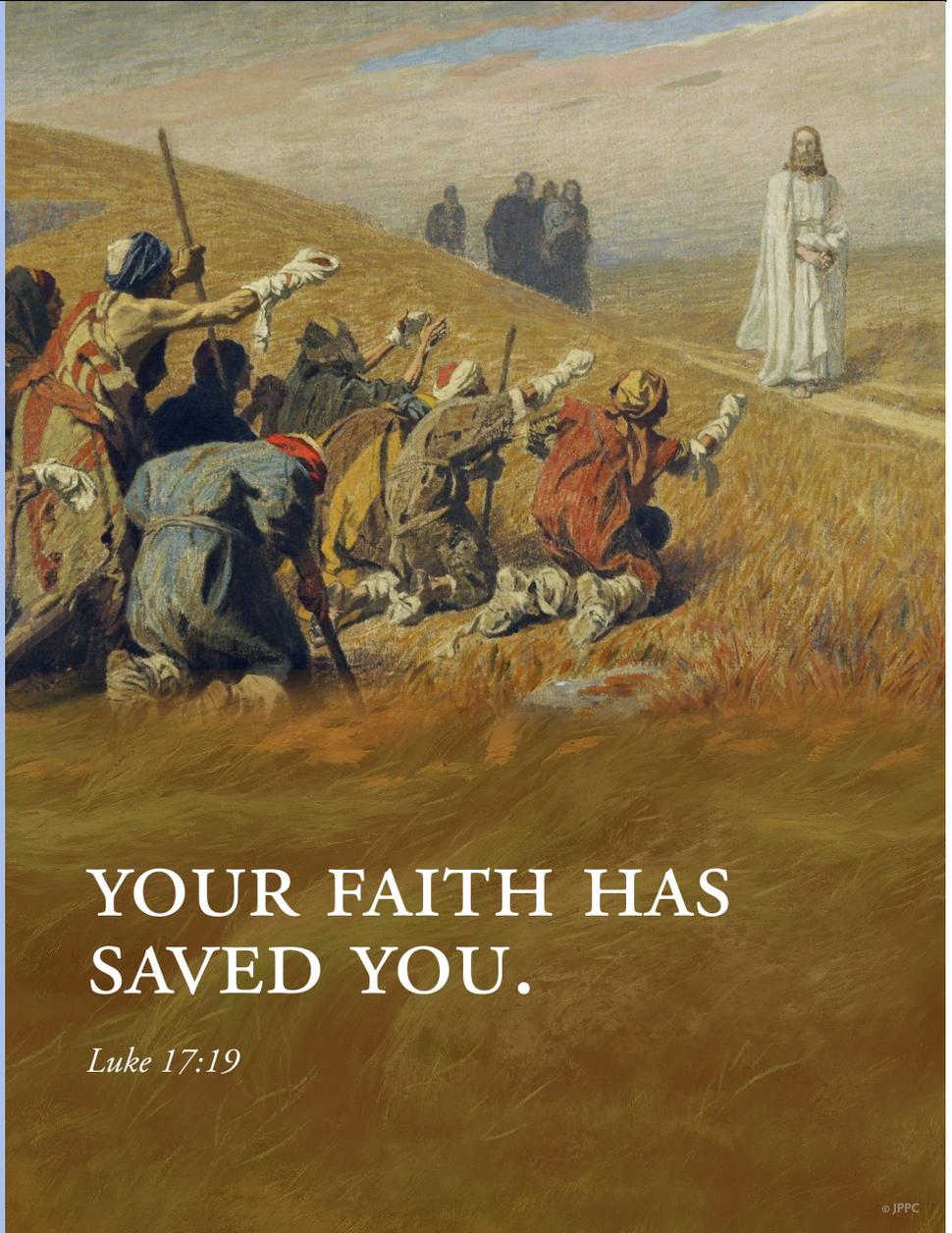
8:00 am, SM

9:15 am, HS

10:30 am, SM

12:00 pm, HS

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# YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU.

*Luke 17:19*

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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.

### Parish Priests

**Rev. Janusz Kukulka**, Pastor

fr.kukulka@aohct.org

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**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.

#### 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 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Monday** Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday** Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday** Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday** Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Lk 11:47-54

**Friday** Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday** 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

**Sunday** Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 Lk 18:1-8

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 11th, The Vigil For The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Josephine & Vito Summa, By The Family  
**Sunday, October 12th, The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Guido Giantonio Jr.,  
 By George & Mary Claffey

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Phillip Ronczka, Sr., By Joseph & Yunie Ronczka

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Ermanno Frate, 3rd Anniversary,  
 By His Wife, Daughter & Son

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Thiep Hoang, By The Family

**Monday, October 13th, Weekday**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving of God's Graces & Family Health,  
 By Lourdes Culling

**Tuesday, October 14th, Weekday**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Phillip Ronczka, By Maria Ronczka

**Wednesday, October 15th, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Rooney, Sr.,  
 By The Rooney Family

**Thursday, October 16th, Weekday**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. John Stover, By His Nephew, Ken Miller

**Friday, October 17th, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Thiep Hoang, By The Hoang Family

**Saturday, October 18th, The Vigil For The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, October 19th, The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Barbara Grimaldi,  
 By Salvatore & Lidia Colangelo & Family

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Phillip Ronczka, By Jane Balavage

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Tony Iannone, 15th Anniversary,  
 By His Wife Gail

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. David John Gerent, 11th Anniversary,  
 By His Family

**In Loving Memory**

**We pray for...**

**Ugo DiPillo**

**Rae Hong**

**Merry L. Pantages**

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

**Parish Support**

**October 5, 2025**

Weekly	\$12,638
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$4,891</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,529</b>

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Holy Spirit Church**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



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



**Caregiver's Support Group for People Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia**

During the months of October and November, the monthly ***Franciscan Life Center Caregiver's Support Group*** for individuals caring for a loved one with dementia will be on Thursday, October 30, and Thursday, November 20, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT.

For more information, and to register, visit **flicenter.org** or call **203-237-8084**



# PARISH CALENDAR, OCTOBER 12, 2025

## **The Knights Sandwich Ministry**

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **October 19th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

## **K of C Food Collection**

**Sunday, November 2nd @** 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, **November 4th**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **October 14th**. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

**The Women's Guild next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Church of The Holy Spirit hall.**

**Our speaker for the evening will be: Beth Caruso, award winning author of The Connecticut Witch Trials Trilogy. She will provide a presentation about Alice Young, and other wrongly accused women in seventeenth century Connecticut and neighboring colonies.**



## **Special Adoration**

**On Tuesday, October 21st @ 6:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church, Adoration will be devoted to our Lord, and your own personal intentions as well as the restoration of good health to Fr. Joshua Wilbur. Fr. Josh's first assignment as a priest was at Annunciation Parish in 2018. He is presently the pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Oxford. Fr. Josh is seriously ill. Your presence and prayers will be a true act of faith in our Lord's healing. Please attend if you can.**



**\*The first meeting of the New Britain Council of Catholic Women will take place on Thursday Oct. 16 at St. Jerome Church Hall, 1010 Slater Rd. NB at 1pm.** There will be a business meeting followed by a speaker. Please bring a friend!



**\*There will be a second collection on October 19th as the Church prepares to celebrate World Mission Sunday 2025. Today, many foreign missions rely on our generosity. Please pray for the missions and be as generous as you can.**

## **Monthly Sandwich Ministry**

**Our collections are on the third Sunday of the month @ 4:30 in the Saint Mary School parking lot. Can you make ten simple sandwiches to help the Hartford Shelters? If you would like to participate, please contact Bill at: [wmitchell1927@gmail.com](mailto:wmitchell1927@gmail.com) or call in the evenings at: (860) 436-2669.**

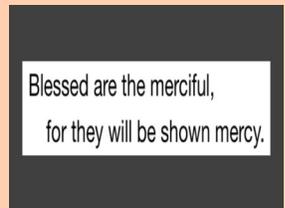


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**The readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C talk about healing, faith, and gratitude. They show how people respond to God's help and how faith brings wholeness.**

- **Healing comes from God:** Naaman is healed of leprosy after following God's instruction. Jesus heals ten lepers, showing that God brings both physical and spiritual healing.
- **Faith leads to healing:** Naaman at first doubts but then obeys and is healed. The Samaritan leper trusts Jesus, returns to give thanks, and is told his faith has saved him.
- **Gratitude is important:** Naaman returns to thank Elisha after being healed. Only one of the ten lepers thanks Jesus, showing that many forget to be grateful.
- **God's mercy is for all:** Naaman is not an Israelite, but God still heals him. The one grateful leper is a Samaritan, showing that God's love is for everyone.
- **Hardship and faith:** Paul suffers for preaching about Jesus, but he stays faithful. He reminds others that suffering for Christ leads to glory with him.
- **Jesus is always faithful:** Paul says that even when people fail, Jesus remains true. Jesus heals even those who do not return to thank him.

The readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teach about faith and gratitude. They remind people to trust in God and to give thanks for his blessings.



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**The Pro-Life Ministry will be holding their annual Baby Bottle Drive with distribution of the baby bottles at Annunciation Parish on the weekend of October 18 and 19. Collection will be two-weeks later on the weekend of November 1 and 2.** We are sponsoring this fundraiser for St. Gerard's Center for Life in Hartford, the only pregnancy resource center in our Capitol City, which is reopening after a 4-year Covid shutdown. Please save the date now to collect your baby bottle and fill it with your coins, cash, and checks for this annual much-needed fundraiser. If you will be away for that weekend, baby bottles will be available the following weekend. All of the funds will support the moms and dads who have made the decision to save their babies from abortion. Thank you for your support.

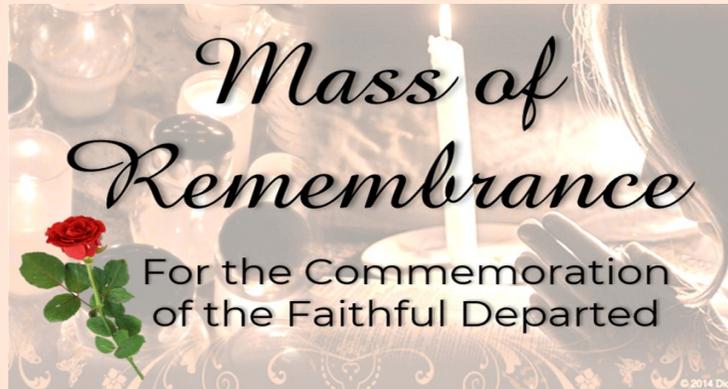
**“Music, Music, Music” from the director of Music, Mark Neumann.**

For all those interested in singing in our **10:30 a.m. choir at St. Mary's**: We are looking to enlarge and renew our choir. Please join us for an organizational meeting at **St. Mary's on Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** All it takes is the ability to carry a tune. Help us lead our congregation in worship!



**Annunciation Youth Choir:** We would like to begin a youth choir for middle school and beyond. Parents and interested youth are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on **Thursday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.**





**While we pray often for our beloved deceased family members throughout the year, we remember on All Souls Day and during the month of November, those who have passed to eternal life with Our Lord.**

**To commemorate the life of your departed loved ones who have died within the past year, we welcome you and your families to join us here at Holy Spirit Church as we celebrate a**

**Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 10th, at 6:30 p.m.**

**During the mass, the names of the deceased will be announced. At that time, family members or friends will light a candle for them.**

**We are happy to host you and your family on the evening of November 10th, 2025 at 6:30p.m. and look forward to seeing you soon.**

**With prayers,**

**Reverend Janusz Kukulka**

**Reverend Joseph Pullikattil**



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## October (and May) —The Months of Mary

It has been a long-standing tradition that the months of May and October are dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Since Mother's Day is in May, and Mary is our spiritual mother and the mother of the Church, it is easy to understand why the Church would ask special attention be paid to Mary during that month.

The connection to Mary in the month of October is less obvious and may have started ever since 1571, when Mary's intercession was received and victory secured at the naval battle of Lepanto against the Turks on October 7<sup>th</sup> of that year. Today, that special event is remembered as the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7) because the victory of the battle was won after the praying of the Rosary.

To this day the months of October and May hold a special place for Catholics, especially in the praying of the Rosary. The Rosary as we know it was developed in the Middle Ages and at heart is a Biblical prayer, which is why scripture verses are often used for meditation with each mystery. When we pray the Rosary we pray the Gospels, all of the important events around the life of Jesus.

By tradition, not that it is a requirement, different mysteries are prayed on different days. The Joyful Mysteries are prayed on Mondays and Saturdays, the Luminous Mysteries are prayed on Thursdays, the Sorrowful Mysteries are prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays and the Glorious Mysteries are prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays. Other traditions include praying the Sorrowful Mysteries every day during the season of Lent or praying the Glorious Mysteries each day of the Easter Season.

Many have adopted the Rosary as a daily prayer as we go to our mother for guidance, intercession and encouragement as we live out our lives as followers of Jesus.

**Mary, Mother of God...Pray for Us!**





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## Branches on the Vine

OCTOBER 11 - 17, 2025



Men respond with joy to Dr. Ray Guarendi's humor at the 2025 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury.  
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



At the beginning of the Vigil Mass offered at Holy Cross High School for the closing of the 2025 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, center, mentions Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt, second from right.  
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

## MEN'S CONFERENCE: A TRANSFORMATIVE DAY OF FELLOWSHIP, HOPE AND HEALING

Some 600 men, as young as 13 and as old as 90, gathered for the 18th annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference, looking for hope and healing -- and some for encouragement in their call to the priesthood.

The conference at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury centered on the theme "Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope" and featured EWTN hosts Dr. Ray Guarendi, psychologist and author, and Michael O'Neill, the "Miracle Hunter," along with Father Anthony Federico, Archdiocese of Hartford director of Vocations and Seminarians, and healing priest Father Jason Brooks LC, who talked about his work with the Regnum Christi Detroit Healing Ministry and prayed over men suffering from cancer, physical pain and migraines.

There were also dozens of exhibitors. The day began with a procession of 30 first-class relics. The events also included Adoration, confessions and a Vigil Mass celebrated by Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne and joined by others, including Norwich Bishop Richard Reidy, who gave the homily.

"This year's conference was unlike any we've had before," says director Ken Santopietro. "In this Jubilee Year -- a time of mercy and restoration -- we offered something truly special: a chance for

healing, both spiritual and physical. There were also a lot of young guys discerning a vocation."

Timothy Proctor, whose sons Rex, 14, and Benjamin, 13, were the youngest at the conference, said he came at their insistence, although he originally intended to complete a paper for his master's degree in philosophy at Holy Apostles College.

"Whatever the Holy Spirit wills, I am his instrument," he says. "I'm just trying to be a good Catholic dad."

For Rex, the day was a particularly important because he feels the call to the priesthood. "Every since I was 4, I wanted to be a priest," he says. "I always wanted to administer the sacraments and partake in the sacrifice of the Mass, so I'm really glad to be here."

Father Federico told the packed auditorium: "The Lord is beginning a revolution, a revival, a springtime for the Roman Catholic Church in the United States of America and somehow, some way it's beginning in the state of Connecticut."

He says there was a class of five new seminarians last year; this month, the class increased to 11. In his role, Father Federico travels to every parish and says what is most

needed is "a spirit of worship" and instructed the men to cultivate a "worship mindset" instead of a "casual mindset."

Steven Schneider of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Oxford, who has come to the conference almost every year, says, "It gets better and better. Here I get the affirmation I need and realize I'm on the right track. A lot of time I wonder whether I'm right or wrong, but around these men I realize I'm doing as good as I can and that my problems are the same as the other guys. Seeing so many younger men also gives me hope for the future of the Church."

Bill Dunn of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vernon says coming to the conference every year gives him "a good booster shot of brotherhood and I realize there are other people of faith out there, and I'm not alone."

In his homily, Bishop Reidy urged the men to reach out to others "in need of a strong, gentle Christ-like hand."

"The men's conference is a grace for us all, but it's not just a one-day event," he says. "It's a tool in the journey to holiness, a time for us to listen, reflect, worship and share so we can deepen our faith."

- Story by Joe Pisani



# Upcoming Events

## Marian Celebration "A Day with Mary"

Saturday, October 25  
10 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Mass, Speakers, Lunch,  
Prayer, Reflections

Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
81 Center Road  
Woodbridge, CT 06525

Call 203-387-7119  
or email parishsecretaryloa@gmail.com  
to register

## FR. ROB GALEA YOUTH NIGHT



SATURDAY • OCTOBER 18  
7:00 PM

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501 NAUGATUCK AVENUE  
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THE OFFICE OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP PRESENTS

## RECOVERY MINISTRY: BRINGING HEALING AND RECOVERY TO YOUR CHURCH

PRESENTER: FR. TOM HOAR St. Joseph Church, Blessed Michael McGivney Parish Thursday, October 16 - 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
OF ST. EDMUND'S RETREAT / ENDER'S ISLAND 129 Edwards St, New Haven, CT

Fr. Tom will share the Catholic response to addiction and recovery, offering faith-based pathways that can be introduced in every parish and community. Addiction and the overdose crisis impact every community and most families. This evening will provide:

- Guidance on how parishes can support those seeking healing and recovery
- Faith-centered approaches to addiction and healing
- An open forum discussion on building recovery ministry in the parish
- Information on recovery programs and resources



Join us to learn how your parish can become a source of hope, healing, and recovery.

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