



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 5, 2025

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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Phone: (860) 666-1591

## **Office Hours**

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

## **CHURCH OF ST. MARY**

626 Willard Avenue  
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## **Confession**

Friday: 8:30-8:50 am, HS  
Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm, HS  
Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am, SM

## **Mass Times**

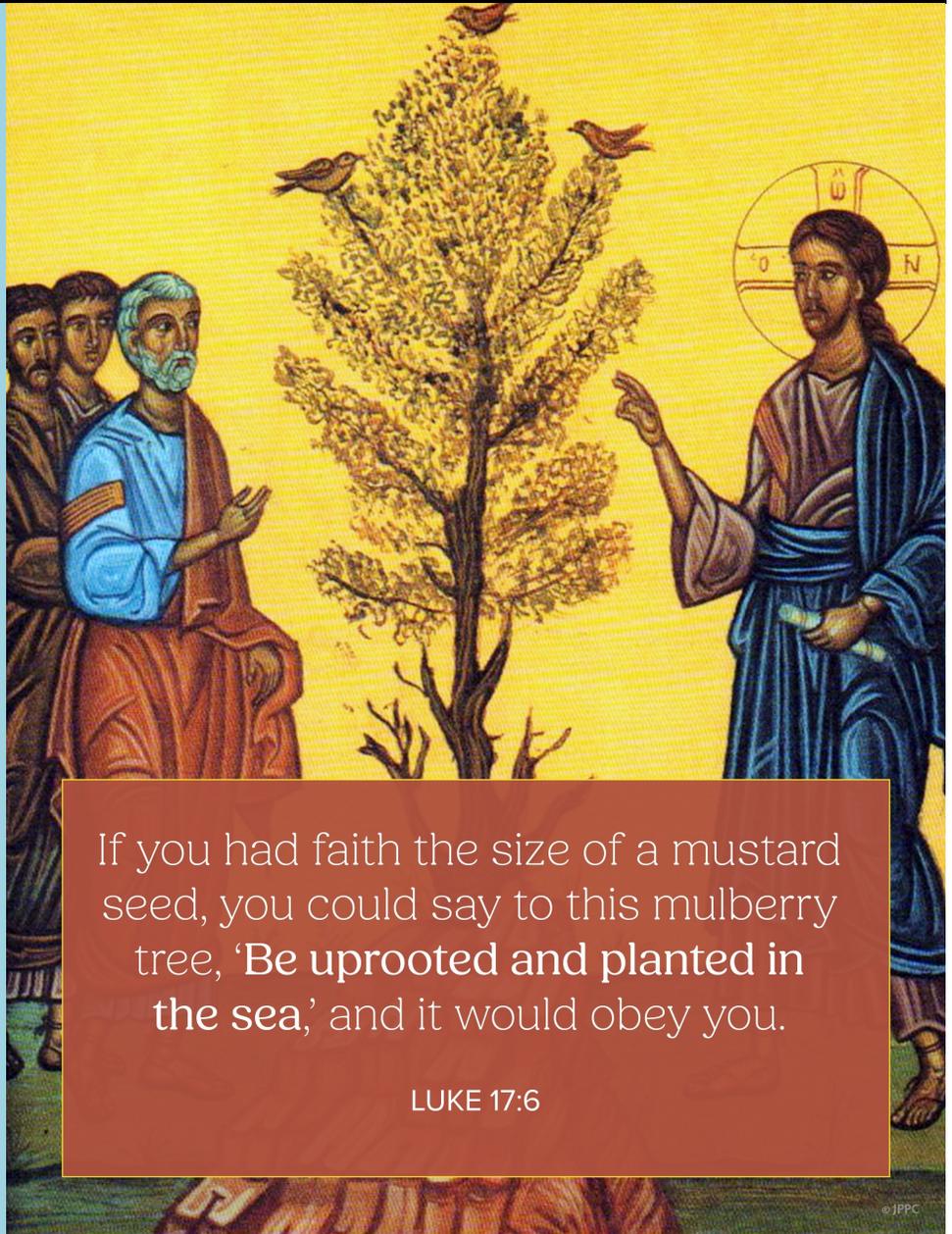
**Daily Mass:** Monday - Friday  
9:00 am, HS

**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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If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

LUKE 17:6

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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

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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-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Monday** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday** Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday** Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday** Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 11:5-13

**Friday** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday** Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday** 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 4th, The Vigil For The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Ruth & John Porter, By The Taylor Family

### Sunday, October 5th, The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Salvatore J. Labadia, By His Wife & Family

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Ann & Val Profetti, Wedding Remembrance, By The Family

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Pauline & Henry Daloe, By Their Son Richard

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Luigia Tarascio, By Her Daughter Pia & Her Family

### Monday, October 6th, Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Remy Martula, By His Parents

### Tuesday, October 7th, Our Lady of the Rosary

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Veronika Revicki, By Her Sister & Family

### Wednesday, October 8th, Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. No intentions

### Thursday, October 9th, Weekday

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Robert Smurlo, Sr., By His Wife Cathy

### Friday, October 10th, Weekday

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

### 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



## In Loving Memory

### We pray for...

**Marjorie David**

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

## Parish Support

### September 28, 2025

Weekly \$7,379

Online Giving \$3,056

Total \$10,435

## Eucharistic Adoration

### **Holy Spirit Church**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



## 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 [flcenter.org](http://flcenter.org) or call 203-237-8084



**\*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!**

# PARISH CALENDAR, OCTOBER 5, 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, October 5th @ 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, **October 7th**, 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.**

**Religious Education Registration is now OPEN!** Classes for grades K-9 **will not be on Sundays** at John Wallace Middle School. Classes will be held at Holy Spirit the first Monday and Thursday of every month. We are transitioning to the Hartford Archdiocese Faith Formation program. Please visit the Annunciation Parish website for additional information by **clicking on religious education and announcements.**

If you haven't registered your child in the faith formation class, please go to the Annunciation Parish website at: <https://www.annunciationnewington.com>

For more information, you may reach out to Deacon Jim Blanchette at: 860-729-5032 or [deaconjimb@annunciationnewington.com](mailto:deaconjimb@annunciationnewington.com)

## **The Knights Sandwich Ministry - Thank You**

Thank you everyone for your generosity! In September we collected approximately 420 sandwiches and many bags of snacks for Shelters in Hartford. The Shelters assist over 200 individuals daily, and are very grateful for our donations. The sandwiches are used for lunches, late-meals, walk-in's and outreach programs. This month all sandwich makers were treated to an ice cream sandwich from Blue Chip Creamery! Our collections are on the third Sunday of the month. The next sandwich collection is: **Sunday, October 19th @ 4:30 in the Saint Mary School parking lot.** Thank you for living your faith by helping others!



## **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 apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” *Luke 17:5***

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C offers us various lessons through its readings. Each reading provides insights into how we live and believe as Christians.

- **Living by Faith:** The prophet Habakkuk questions God about the suffering he sees. God responds by telling him to wait for a vision that promises justice. This teaches us that faith involves trusting God’s timing and plan, even when we don’t understand.
- **Gift of the Spirit:** In the second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to use the gifts God has given him. This reminds us that God equips us with spiritual gifts, and we should use them boldly and lovingly.
- **Power of Small Faith:** Jesus mentions that faith as small as a mustard seed can do great things. It shows us that the size of our faith is less important than its true presence and action in our lives.
- **Duty and Service:** The Gospel also compares faith to a servant doing his duty. It teaches us that following Jesus means serving without expecting rewards; our actions are part of our Christian duty.
- **Vision and Persistence:** Habakkuk is told to write down a vision clearly. This tells us that having a clear vision and persistence in faith can guide us through challenges and uncertainties.
- **Courage in Witnessing:** Paul’s words to Timothy highlight the need for courage in proclaiming our faith.
- This encourages us to be strong and persistent in sharing our belief with others.

**These themes from the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourage us to reflect on our faith and duties as Christians. They guide us in living out our beliefs in practical and faithful ways.**

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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.**



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**ANNOUNCING: The Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress comes to the Church of the Holy Spirit!** We are delighted to announce that during this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church of the Holy Spirit will join six other parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford for 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

**WHERE:** The location will be the Church of the Holy Spirit.

**WHEN:** Beginning on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 PM and ending with Benediction on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:00 PM

**WHAT:** We will pray for 24 hours, and parishioners will have an opportunity to sign up to pray at an hour that is convenient for them. Each hour, a designated leader will lead the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour.

**WHO:** YOU! Please consider participating by signing up to cover one of the hours of Adoration during the day or the night hours. Bring your friends or your family, or if you are part of a parish group consider volunteering as a group for an hour. The evening hours can be more difficult to fill so if it is safe for you to pray in the overnight hours we will appreciate having your help.

**HOW:** To schedule an hour of Adoration or if you are interested in leading the Rosary/ Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the beginning of an hour, please call (860) 614-6909. You may also sign up on the sheets provided at the entrances to the church.

**WHAT IS A TRAVELING EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS?** The Archdiocese of Hartford Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress will be held October 4 - 10, 2025. A Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress is 7 days of around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary with each 24-hour period hosted at a different parish in the Archdiocese. It is offered **in a spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life, to establish peace in our cities, nation, and world, and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Please consider participating in this nationwide, special event as we join dioceses throughout the United States simultaneously blanketing the country with prayers.**

**WHY IS IT SPECIAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAVELING EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR?** A Jubilee Year is a Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration. During this "Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee", we are encouraged to renew our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and to encounter His healing grace. We have the perfect opportunity to do so during the Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress being held from: October 4 – October 10, 2025.

**\*Thank you to all who have already signed up for Adoration. Some hours are well covered, but there are still times with only a few or no adorers. It would be a great blessing if more people could join the Lord in those hours of prayer. We are grateful to everyone who finds time to be part of this Eucharistic Adoration.**

PLEASE JOIN US

# ROSARY RALLY

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 11, 2025  
3:00PM**

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH  
183 Church St. , Newington, Ct 06111

**At the Statue of Our Lady of Grace**

We will dedicate our public  
rosary to the intentions of  
Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima

Hosted by:



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***"Finally My Immaculate will Triumph"***  
***-Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917***



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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



## Branches on the Vine

OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2025



Ewa Lotkowska, a member of Young Catholic Professionals of Central Connecticut, weeds the asparagus in the Franciscan Sisters' garden in Meriden. PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF



Sister Faith Marie Woolsey, of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, and volunteer Matthew Ennis work together to prune an apple tree. PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

On a Saturday in August, nearly 20 members of the Young Catholic Professionals of Central Connecticut gathered in Meriden for a "service day" to help the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist tend their orchards and gardens.

The young adults joined the sisters in picking peaches, pruning the apple trees, weeding around the asparagus and beets, weeding the flower beds and sweeping the walkways.

"We could have spent the day somewhere else, but this was the best way for us to spend a Saturday," says Joe Luchene, a member of the group, as he gathered tree branches into a wheelbarrow. On weekdays, Luchene is employed as a life coach and as a substitute teacher.

After four hours of outdoor labor, the young people prayed with the women religious and were treated to a lunch, breaking bread with the Franciscan Sisters on their patio behind the John Lateran Center in Meriden.

With the tagline "Working in Witness for Christ," Young Catholic Professionals of Central Connecticut, or YCP, is a local chapter of a national organization that seeks to help young working adults to live their Catholic faith in the workplace and out in the world.

"One thing I really like about Young Catholic Professionals is that it encompasses a lot of different aspects of life. From the title itself you'd think it's just a work-related group, but

it's very wholistic," says Sister Faith Marie Woolsey, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and an assistant chaplain for the young adult group.

"The purpose of Young Catholic Professionals is to help young adults connect their faith and their work," says Natasha Hagan, president of the Central Connecticut chapter, who works as an engineer at Pratt & Whitney. "How do you live an undivided life? How do you show up as your full Catholic self, not shying away from talking about faith?"

Those questions get answered, she says, over time during the group's monthly gatherings. Those gatherings encompass the Executive Speaker Series and Panel Discussions at various local churches throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, the Networking Happy Hour at the Twelve Percent Beer Project in North Haven, and various special events.

The group's primary offering, the Executive Speaker Series, involves talks by senior professionals on development topics, such as leadership in the workplace. Invited speakers often share their own faith journey, providing

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insights on how to navigate as people of faith in a secular world. Panel Discussions explore a single virtue, applying it to everyday life.

Over the past two years, the young adults have heard from business owners and professionals working in the fields of law, accounting, marketing, sales, engineering and information technology at companies such as Travelers, Fairfield University, Aetna, Pratt & Whitney, the Knights of Columbus and Santopietro Brewing Company, to name just a few.

**Upcoming events:** In October, the group will gather for a St. Joseph Saturday Half-Day Retreat on **Oct. 4**, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Sacred Heart Academy, 265 Benham St., Hamden. The retreat includes breakfast, lunch, Mass, confession and Adoration.

In November, the chapter will celebrate its second anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt on **Nov. 6** at 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church, 45 Ludlow Road, Manchester.

All young adults and newcomers are welcome to attend. For more details, visit [youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/central-connecticut](http://youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/central-connecticut).

Story By Shelley Wolf



# Upcoming Events



**Seen**

ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD  
Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

*A Mass of Remembrance and Healing  
from miscarriage, still birth or infant loss*

Friday, October 17, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

**Saint Francis Church**  
1755 Stanley Street, New Britain

All are welcome to attend this Mass of Remembrance and experience the profound peace, love and mercy of Jesus Christ. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of a child as a result of a miscarriage, still birth or infant loss. These losses may be recent or extend over many years.  
A reception to follow the Mass. Scan the QR Code to register.



If you have any questions, contact:  
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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Presents  
*International Exhibit of  
Eucharistic Miracles*

**October 11-13, 2025**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
785 Highland Ave  
Waterbury, CT

The exhibit will be open  
in the Church Hall:  
Sat, Oct. 11 - 10 am - 6 pm  
Sun, Oct. 12 - 9 am - 5 pm



<p>Talk on Eucharistic Miracles and <b>St. Carlo Acutis</b> The 1<sup>st</sup> Millennial Saint!</p>  <p><b>Sunday, October 12</b> 3:00 pm (lower church)</p> <p>St. Carlo Acutis lived in Italy from 1991 -2006. During his short 15½ years, he was always joyfully sharing the faith, especially his love of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of 11, as part of his work as a catechist, he created a website which catalogued many of the principal Eucharistic Miracles which have taken place throughout the world and have been recognized by the Church.</p>	<p>Coffee and talk on <b>St. Manuel González García</b> Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle</p>  <p><b>Monday, October 13</b> 8:30 am</p> <p>Manuel González García was born in Seville, Spain in 1877 and ordained a priest in 1901. He was assigned his first parish mission in the little town of Palomares del Río. It was there, where Our Lord spoke to him from an abandoned tabernacle, that was a defining moment in his life and clarified the direction for the rest of his priestly ministry.</p>
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**1<sup>st</sup> class relics of both St. Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration**

For more info, call the rectory at (203) 756-8981

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