



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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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

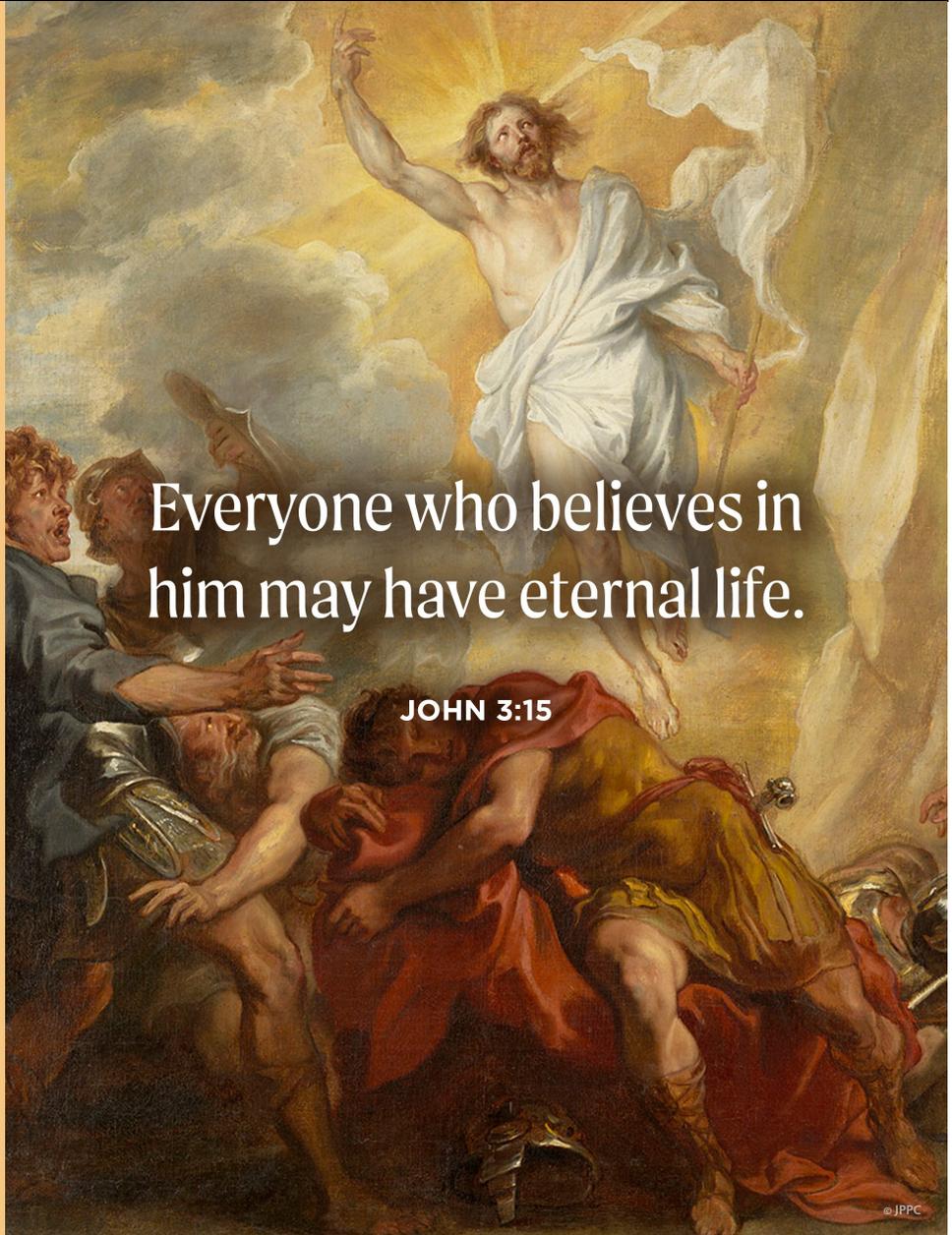
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday
9:00 am, HS

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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Everyone who believes in
him may have eternal life.

JOHN 3:15

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. 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

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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 – The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13th, The Vigil For The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

H/S 4:00 p.m. Victor DePamphilis, William & Viola DePamphilis & Angelo & Angela Nicotera, By Rosa & Family

Sunday, September 14th, The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

S/M 8:00 a.m. Marybeth Cenci, By Marie

H/S 9:15 a.m. Mary Ellen Ashe, 7th Anniversary, By Her Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of The Anna Pizzoferrato Family
By Her Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Joseph & Irene Taggart, By Tom & Joan Taggart

Monday, September 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows

H/S 9:00 a.m. Maria Lezon, By Her Sister & Family

Tuesday, September 16th, Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

H/S 9:00 a.m. Jo Scala Drane, By A Friend

Wednesday, September 17th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Mr. Thomas Idiculla, Birthday Remembrance,
By The Family

Thursday, September 18th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Anne & Joseph Solari, By Their Children

Friday, September 19th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Francis DeLisa, By His Wife

Saturday, September 20th, The Vigil For The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Antonio & Filomena Manocchio &
Nicola & Filomena Niro, By Their Families

Sunday, September 21st, The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John Morreale & Jean, By Their Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Salvatrice Santo & Santa Oliva, By Their Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Tony & Anthony Jr., Serravalle, By His Wife & Mother

H/S 12:00 p.m. Elisa Gualtieri, By Melissa Tardif & Dean Guerrette



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Vincent DeMilia

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

Parish Support

September 7, 2025

Weekly \$10,229

Online Giving \$4,693

Total \$14,922

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.**



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.”

PARISH CALENDAR, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **September 21st 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, **September 16th**. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

Mass Stipend Announcement

Starting September 6-7th, the Archdiocese will implement the new policy of a \$20.00 stipend for daily/weekday Mass intentions. Our \$20.00 stipend for weekend masses remains the same. Any amount received above the \$20.00 stipend, will go to support our Parish or the Archdiocese Mission Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 and Saint Mary's twice a month during the week on an evening to be determined. 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. *On September 22, 2025, a meeting for parents and children will be held at Holy Spirit Church at 6:30 p.m.

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 deaconjim@annunciationnewington.com

Religious education classes will start the **first week of October**, with the option to attend class on the **6th or the 9th at 6 p.m.** A calendar will be published soon. We will meet in Holy Spirit Church to start. At least one parent is required to be present. If both parents can attend, that would be great. **Confirmation classes** will be starting on **Sunday, September 14th, at 1 p.m.**, Holy Spirit Hall. The Noon Mass at Holy Spirit is mandatory as well.

The Women's Guild first meeting of the 2025-2026 year will be held on **Tuesday, September 16th in the Church of The Holy Spirit Hall** beginning at **6:30 pm**. Our guest speakers for the evening are: Jill Kovalich, founder of Solo Agers Connect, and Fay deHass, owner of Kreative World Travel. They will provide a presentation on the growing number of Solo Agers, and the popularity of Solo Travel. They will also offer tips for safe solo travel and answer any questions.

***All women of the parish are invited to join the Women's Guild. Dues are \$10 for the year.**

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross teaches us how to live the message of the Cross daily. One way to do this is by embracing the little sacrifices and difficulties we face. When we have problems, we can unite our struggles with Jesus' suffering on the Cross. This helps us see our hardships in a new light. It becomes a way to grow closer to Christ and share in His love.

Another way to live the spirituality of the Cross is by offering up our suffering in union with Christ's Passion. We can offer our pain, sadness, or challenges for the good of others or for our own conversion. This is a powerful way to bring grace into our lives and the lives of others. The Cross reminds us that suffering can have meaning when united with Christ's sacrifice.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross also calls us to trust in the power of the Cross. It is easy to feel discouraged when we face difficulties. But the Cross shows us that God can bring good out of any situation. We can trust that the Cross has the power to change us and help us grow in faith. In times of doubt or weakness, we can turn to the Cross for strength.



Finally, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reminds us that the Cross is a path to conversion. It is not just about suffering but about transformation. By embracing the Cross, we are changed and made new in Christ. Each day, we are called to follow Jesus, carry our own crosses, and trust in the victory He won through His death and resurrection.

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"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**.



Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference 2025
New Location: Holy Cross High School, Waterbury, CT
Saturday, September 27, 2025 | 7:30 AM - Vigil Mass

Join us for a transformative day of faith with speakers Dr. Ray Guarendi, Father Anthony Federico, Michael O'Neill, and Father Jason Brooks. The day includes a **Eucharistic procession, Adoration, first-class relics, Confession, Exhibitors, Vendors**, and includes **lunch**. The day will culminate in **Vigil Mass with the Archbishop**.

For tickets, visit www.ctcatholicmen.org.

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISING

**September 28th, 2025
8am-11am**

HOLY SPIRIT CHURH HALL

183 Church st. Newington, CT 06111

**We will be selling tickets at:
Saint Mary Church on Sept. 14
Holy Spirit Church on Sept. 20 & 21
WALK-IN PAYMENTS ARE WELCOME**

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A presentation on the *virtue of hope*

by Sister John Mary Sullivan, FSE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

SEPTEMBER 13 - 19, 2025



A case of canned food is carried in by volunteers of Mother Teresa Food Pantry which operates from St. Ann Church in Bristol. PHOTO BY KAREN A. AVITABILE

GUIDED BY ST. TERESA'S EXAMPLE, FOOD PANTRY NOURISHES BRISTOL COMMUNITY

For more than 25 years, parishioners of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Bristol have been honoring St. Teresa of Calcutta by helping to combat food insecurity in their town.

The parish has been running its own Mother Teresa Food Pantry for the saint who dedicated her life to providing food, shelter and medical care to people who needed it the most around the world.

Canonized in 2016 by Pope Francis, St. Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her perseverance to alleviating poverty and hardship. The anniversary of her death, on Sept. 5, is observed as her feast day.

Food pantry volunteers from St. Francis de Sales parish churches of St. Ann and St. Anthony of Padua organize collections of non-perishable food items and then fill grocery bags with them.

Spearheaded by Jacqueline Taber, Mother Teresa Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings at St. Ann Church for collection pickups.

"I enjoy helping people," says Taber, who has been involved with the food pantry for close to 20 years with her husband, Philip. "You see the smiles on people's faces when you give them the food."

Once a month, Bristol residents who need assistance are able to pick up a grocery bag – or two bags for a family – at St. Ann Church. No questions are asked. Clients range from young individuals to older adults, along with numerous families. During the holiday seasons, the food pantry volunteers see an increase in need; so, they also collect and distribute turkeys and hams donated by the parish.

Canned food items can be dropped off at the entrances of St. Ann and St. Anthony of Padua churches before weekend Masses. During bingo fundraisers on Thursday evenings in St. Ann Church Hall, donations are also accepted.

Parishioners of nearby St. Matthew & St. Gregory the Great Parish, with churches in Bristol and Forestville, also collect canned goods in their churches and drop them off at St. Ann Church.

"I feel this is beneficial for those people who need a little support," says Jackie Samele, a food pantry volunteer for 10 years. "Back then, the food pantry needed volunteers and I stepped up."



Volunteers of Mother Teresa Food Pantry look for the dates of canned food donations. PHOTO BY KAREN A. AVITABILE

The Mother Terese Food Pantry team is made up of about a dozen volunteers. Like Taber, who retired and was looking for something extra to keep her busy, most of the volunteers are retirees who want to remain active, stay socially connected and make a difference in their own community. They say working with the clients enhances their own lives.

"It brings me happiness to see their joy," says five-year volunteer Marthe Trudel. "I try to make someone else happy."

For Sylvia Caron, giving to others has made her more thankful. "It gives you such a warm feeling to see their eyes light up and listen to them," she says. "It's a great feeling to do something for them. I love it."

Long-time volunteer Claudine Tanguay describes her volunteer work as "helping others while having fun at the same time."

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile



Upcoming Events



Seen
A Mass of Remembrance and Healing
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. [Please use this link to register.](#)

If you have any questions, contact:
 Valerie St. Jean, Associate Director of Adult Faith Formation & Parish Life
Valerie.StJean@aohct.org - 860-541-6491 ext. 2678

Please Join Us at the
Catholic Academy
of
Waterbury
4th Annual Awards Dinner & Fundraiser
Thursday, October 9, 2025
6:00 p.m.

All dinner tickets must be purchased no later than October 7. There are no tickets at the door.

To inquire about tickets, please call
 La Bella Vista 380 Farmwood Road Waterbury 203.756.5313
 Waleska in the school office at 203.756.5313



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09/28 SUNDAY 3PM
A CLASSICAL CONCERT WITH CORBIN BEISNER
 Our Lady of Knock Parish -
 St. Mary Star of the Sea Church,
 145 Main St, Unionville

Come enjoy classical music performed by award-winning, renowned concert pianist Corbin Beisner! For over two decades, Corbin has performed in numerous venues throughout the United States and Europe, and has received several accolades and awards. He holds degrees in piano performance from the Hartt School of Music and the prestigious Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, Hungary.

There is no charge for this concert and all are invited. Attendees will have the opportunity to make a free-will offering with proceeds benefiting the Our Lady of Knock Parish & St. Patrick Church Collinsville Haiti Ministry's programs at St. Thérèse School in Lilavois, Haiti.

Refreshments will be served after the concert! For more information about the Haiti Ministry and this event, visit ourladyofknock.org/haiti.

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