



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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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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# You cannot serve both God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13



O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Monday Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9 Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Lk 9:7-9

Friday Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

## Mass Intentions

### 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

### Monday, September 22nd, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Maria Dicenco, By Her Daughter & Family

### Tuesday, September 23rd, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Ciara & Jerzy Komorowski, By Their Children

### Wednesday, September 24th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Barbara Charamut, By, Her Family

### Thursday, September 25th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Richard & Brenda Smith,  
By Stephanie Marcaccio & Family

### Friday, September 26th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Cipriano Capone, By His Family

### Saturday, September 27th, The Vigil For The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Beth Donovan, 6th Anniversary, By Her Family

### Sunday, September 28th, The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Giuseppe, Antonina, Vincenzo & Alina,  
By Their Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Jo-Ann Arel, By The Annunciation Parish  
Women's Guild

S/M 10:30 a.m. Margaret & George Ciganik &  
Natalie & Stefan Rozewski, By The Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Sally Wisniewski, By Paula & Normand Gagnon



## In Loving Memory

### We pray for...

#### **Rose Marie Faselle**

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

## Parish Support

### September 14, 2025

Weekly \$10,552

Online Giving \$3,481

Total \$14,033

## Eucharistic Adoration

### **Holy Spirit Church**

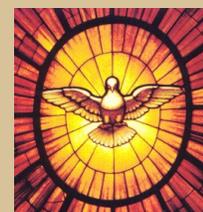
6:00 - 7:00pm

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 21, 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 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.



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

**Ada Marie Hall**

**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](mailto: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 would like to thank all parishioners who donated and/or purchased items from our recent very successful Tag Sale.**

**This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and it allows us to provide funding for our parish's needs, events, and requests, along with donations we make to many needy community groups.**



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

**“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.” Luke 16:8**

**The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C calls us to reflect on our use of worldly resources and our responsibilities to others. The readings challenge us to live with honesty, justice, and faithfulness to God above all else.**

- **Justice for the poor:** The first reading reminds us that God cares about the poor and condemns cheating and exploitation. We are called to treat others with fairness and care for those in need.
- **Honesty in daily life:** The Gospel warns against dishonesty and urges us to act with integrity. God sees how we handle small things, and our choices reveal our loyalty to Him.
- **Prioritizing God over wealth:** Jesus teaches that we cannot serve both God and money. We must decide where our true allegiance lies and choose what leads to eternal life.
- **Prayer for all people:** The second reading encourages us to pray for everyone, including leaders and those in authority. This reminds us that peace and order come from God’s guidance and our prayers.
- **Responsible use of resources:** The Gospel challenges us to use our talents and possessions wisely for God’s kingdom. Earthly goods are tools for doing good and helping others.
- **Faithful service to God:** Jesus calls us to be faithful in our responsibilities. By serving God with sincerity, we show our love and trust in Him.

**The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C helps us reflect on our values and choices. It challenges us to live with faith, integrity, and care for others in all that we do.**



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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](https://www.ctcatholicmen.org).

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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.**

### **WHAT OTHER PARISHES WILL OFFER ADORATION?**

October 4th - **Waterbury**- The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception- Opening Mass at 4:15 followed by Adoration until Benediction on October 5th at 4:00PM

October 5th- **Forestville**- The Church of Saint Matthew- Opening Mass at 5:00 PM followed by Adoration until Benediction at 5:00PM on October 6th

October 6th- **Griswold**- Friary of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Adoration beginning at 6:00PM until Benediction on October 7th at 6:00 PM

October 7th- **Newington**- Church of the Holy Spirit - Adoration beginning at 6:00PM until Benediction on October 8th at 6:00 PM

October 8th- **New Haven**- Saint Joseph Church - Opening Mass at 5:00 PM followed by Adoration until Benediction on October 9th at 4:30 PM

October 9th- **Enfield**- Saint Martha Church- Adoration beginning at 6:00PM until Benediction at 6:00 PM on October 10th

October 10th-**Hartford**- Cathedral of Saint Joseph (**lower church**) Adoration 1:00PM until Benediction at 6:30 PM. **Important!** The *EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS CLOSING MASS* begins at 7:00 PM in the main church upstairs. Please attend this special mass!

### **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.

# BREAKFAST FUNDRAISING

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

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## Branches on the Vine

SEPTEMBER 20 - 26, 2025



Father Joseph Benicewicz, a member of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual, poses in St. Paul Church in Kensington, where he was the pastor until his death on Sept. 6, 2024.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. PAUL SCHOOL



"Father Joe" was a leap year baby, whose Feb. 29 birthday arrived only once every four years. In February 2024, the last leap year, St. Paul School students surprised him with handmade posters, cards and a birthday sash.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. PAUL SCHOOL

Father Joseph Benicewicz will never be forgotten by all those who knew him, especially by the parishioners, faculty, staff and students at St. Paul Parish and St. Paul School in Kensington.

As the former pastor of the parish and school, the Franciscan priest, who died unexpectedly on Sept. 6, 2024, is being remembered fondly this fall through a memorial scholarship, Masses, a run and a walk.

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, four students are benefiting from the "Father Joseph Benicewicz Memorial Scholarship." According to Principal Jill Conaway, four student families received \$250 each for a total of \$1,000 in scholarships. "It's to keep his memory alive going forward," Conaway says.

The scholarships were distributed to students who are practicing Catholics with a financial need, in keeping with Father Benicewicz's values.

"It was important to Father Joe to never turn away families in need, who were committed to having a Catholic education for their children," says Kelly Esposito, director of admissions and marketing, who noted the school also offers other forms of financial assistance.

The priest – who served as a teacher, principal and school president in previous

## FATHER JOSEPH BENICEWICZ REMEMBERED WITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, RUN AND WALK

assignments – loved to spend time with students. Before his passing, he led the St. Paul School children weekly in Mass and prayer, visited them in their classrooms, and even attended their basketball games.

As soon as teachers heard the news of his death last year, they suggested the scholarship in his name and began raising funds for the endeavor. The principal and advancement director got the ball rolling by setting aside a small portion of funds from the "Lion's Pride Fun Run," an already existing annual school fundraiser, to establish the Father Benicewicz Memorial Scholarship Fund. The school's next Lion's Pride Fun Run is slated for Oct. 9.

The admissions director and athletic director also partnered to start the "Father Joe Memorial Basketball Game" in which the basketball coaches challenged the boys and girls varsity team players, all while wearing "Father Joe" T-shirts. Proceeds from ticket sales and concessions went to the scholarship fund. Next year's game is already set for Feb. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Additional scholarship donations are accepted throughout the year and

processed through the Advancement Office, where each contribution is recorded and acknowledged, Esposito says.

Over at St. Paul Church on the weekend of Sept. 6, 7 and 8, near the anniversary of his death, the entire parish just celebrated three memorial Masses, offering special prayer intentions for Father Benicewicz.

Additionally, this coming October, St. Paul Parish will host the "Father Joe Memorial Walk and Gathering on the Parish Green" on Oct. 5, following the 12 p.m. Mass. The 3.1-mile walk will begin at 1:30 p.m.

**Polish food will be available for purchase from Belvedere in New Britain – one of Father Joe's favorites. The event will also include games and music.**

For more about the scholarship and St. Paul School events, visit [ourschool.stpaulkensington.org](https://ourschool.stpaulkensington.org). For more about the memorial walk with St. Paul Parish, visit [stpaulkensington.org](https://stpaulkensington.org).

- Story by Shelley Wolf



## Upcoming Events



09/26 FRIDAY 6:30PM  
**YOUNG ADULT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE & COOKOUT AND CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**  
 Our Lady of Knock Parish - St. Patrick Church, 110 Main St, Farmington

Welcoming All Young Adults to socialize with other young adults (age 21+) from surrounding parishes for a fun evening! Enjoy a Candlelight service at St. Patrick's Church in Farmington followed by a Cookout & Cornhole Tournament!

There is no fee, any monetary donation is welcomed. No registration is required - All are Welcome!! These events take place on the fourth Friday of every month with the exception of November and December - so mark your calendar and enjoy the fun! If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office, 860-673-2422.



09/28 SUNDAY 9:30AM  
**FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL ITALIAN MASS AND BLESSING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**  
 St. Michael Church, 29 Wooster Pl, New Haven

Join us in celebration of the Feast of St. Michael with an Italian Mass at St. Michael Church in historic Wooster Square in New Haven on Sunday, September 28 at 9:30AM, celebrated by Fr. Joe MacNeill. All active and retired Police Officers and Firefighters are invited to attend for a special blessing, as St. Michael is the patron saint of first responders. The homily and blessing will be in English. The Southern Italian Religious Societies at St. Michael will host a breakfast in the church hall after Mass. All are welcome!

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