



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY, APRIL 12, 2026

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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Peace be with you.

JOHN 20:19



God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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, - 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 with your parish.

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.

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Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21

Divine Mercy Sunday Year A celebrates God's mercy and the hope we receive through Christ's resurrection. The readings highlight forgiveness, faith, and the joy of new life in Christ.

God's Mercy and Forgiveness: Jesus gives His disciples the power to forgive sins, showing God's endless mercy. This gift invites us to seek forgiveness and extend mercy to others.

Faith Amid Doubt: Thomas doubts the resurrection until he sees Jesus' wounds. His journey shows that faith can grow through questions and honest seeking.

Peace Through Christ: Jesus greets His disciples with peace, calming their fear. His presence brings peace that conquers fear and doubt.

The Power of Community: The early Christians prayed, shared resources, and grew together in faith. This shows the importance of supporting each other in living out the Gospel.

Hope Through Resurrection: Christ's resurrection gives us a living hope and an eternal inheritance. This hope sustains us, even through trials and challenges.

Joy in Belief: Although we cannot see Jesus, faith brings joy and purpose. Believing without seeing is blessed, as Jesus teaches Thomas.

Divine Mercy Sunday Year A invites us to embrace God's mercy and live in hope and faith. It calls us to be merciful, to believe with joy, and to support each other as a community of believers.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Sunday Of Divine Mercy

Monday Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11th, The Vigil For The Sunday Of Divine Mercy

H/S 4:00 p.m. Adella Albro, By Her Family

Sunday, April 12th, The Sunday For Divine Mercy

S/M 8:00 a.m. Francesco & Maria & Carlo Mucciacciaro,
By Anna Gugliotti
H/S 9:15 a.m. Philomena Discenza, By Her Children
S/M 10:30 a.m. Bernice & Joseph Piateck, By Their Family
H/S 12:00 p.m. Benjamin Zacharias, By His Family

Monday, April 13th, Easter Weekday; Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Wladyslaw Nega, Birthday Remembrance,
By His Daughter & Grandchildren

Tuesday, April 14th, Weekday Easter

H/S 9:00 a.m. Josefina & Elias Lopes, By Clara Suarez

Wednesday, April 15th, Easter Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Richard, Linda, Justin & Brenda Sawicki,
By Their Mother & Family

Thursday, April 16th, Easter Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Remy Martula, By His Wife & Children

Friday, April 17th, Easter Weekday

S/M 9:00 a.m. For The Body & Blood Of Jesus,
By Mr. & Mrs. Kusmierski

Saturday, April 18th, The Vigil For The Third Sunday Of Easter

H/S 4:00 p.m. Alicia Wakefield, By Her Daughter

Sunday, April 19th, The Third Sunday Of Easter

S/M 8:00 a.m. Santo Nucifora, By His Family
H/S 9:15 a.m. Daniel & Emma Stigliano,
Anniversary Remembrance, By Their Family
S/M 10:30 a.m. Costantino Sacco, 5th Anniversary,
By His Wife & Family
H/S 12:00 p.m. No intention



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...

Gary Donati
Elbridge Jambard
Angelo S. Piazza, Jr.

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

Parish Support

March 29, 2026

Weekly	\$13,669
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$3,188</u>
Total	\$16,857

Parish Support

April 5, 2026

Weekly	\$15,870
Easter	\$10,756
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$7,614</u>
Total	\$34,240

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



*The April meeting on **April 28th** of the **New Britain Council of Catholic Women** will honor the living and deceased members of the council with a Mass at St. Paul's Church in Kensington at **5p.m.** There is a **Holy Hour** at **4p.m.** as an option for those who care to attend.

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **April 19th at 4:30** in the St. Mary School Parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, **May 3rd @** both churches.

The Prayer Shawl Group

Meets the third Sunday of every month at **12:30 p.m.** at The Holy Spirit church hall from **September to June.**

The Men's Club

...meets on the third Wednesday of every month, at **6:00 p.m.** in St. Mary lower rectory. Contact: Tom Morris at (860) 666-6331

The Men's Fellowship Group

...meets every Wednesday evening from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Angelo Marchetti (860) 202-1612

The Women's Fellowship Group

...meets every Thursday from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Kim Marchetti (860) 202-0020

The Women's Guild

Tuesday, May 5th there will be an Executive Board Meeting and General Membership meeting on April 14.

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 on Tuesday April 14th, 2026. It will begin with a Mass at 5:00 p.m. presided over by Father Janusz Kukulka in the Holy Spirit Church. A short business meeting will follow the Mass in the Holy Spirit church hall. The guild will provide a light supper for members. The evenings program will be: The Sisters of The Eucharist who will provide a Host Preparation demonstration.



Are you interested in attending a Victorian Tea? Please let us know.

The Women's Guild is considering holding a Victorian Tea with entertainment on Sunday **May 17th** in the Holy Spirit Church hall at a cost of \$25 per person. Adult women of the parish and public are invited to attend. At this time we want to ensure that we would have enough interest to proceed in planning this event. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact the chairwoman: **Anna T @ 860-573-1416.**



CT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The Connecticut Catholic Conference is the public policy office of the Catholic Church in CT. To receive Action Alerts and Newsletters from the CT Catholic Public Affairs Conference throughout the current legislative session (Feb. 4-May 6), visit <https://ctcatholic.org>



The Sunday after Easter is: Divine Mercy Sunday

Please plan to join us for a very special prayer service on April 12th at 3:00 p.m. at The Holy Spirit Church followed by refreshments at the hall. This time of prayer will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Divine Mercy image, and Exposition of the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to join!





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Sincerely,

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Julianna, Elaina, Suzy, & John





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Newington, CT



Tootsie Roll Drive



Sunday, April 12,
at Saint Mary Church
and



Saturday & Sunday, April 18 & 19
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COMEDY Fundraiser Event

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 11 - 17, 2026

Local Parent Educator Featured in Catholic Charities' *Traveling Museum*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Marcus Wilson grew up in foster care and understands the importance of having a secure family environment.

For the past five years, as a parent educator for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford, he has helped many families by providing the tools they need so parents and children can break the cycle of insecurity and develop stronger relationships.

In recognition of his work with Parent Support Services, Wilson has been selected with 40 other employees and volunteers, chosen from 169 Catholic Charities nationwide, to be featured as part of the People of Hope Museum, which highlights ministries and services of Catholic Charities.

"His compassion is genuine, and families feel it right away."

"The museum will bring to life their meaningful and memorable encounters with families and individuals in need," says Scott Griffin, director of Communications & Public Relations for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The museum, which is housed in a tractor-trailer, will travel around the country and be available to the public April 14 to 15 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Visitors will view the video stories of Wilson, record their own stories of hope and service and gain a greater understanding of poverty in the state and country, Griffin says. "To have one of our people, who is serving the community,

featured in the museum is an incredible honor, and we are very proud of Marcus," Griffin says. "He and his team visit people in their homes to help parents create stronger families.

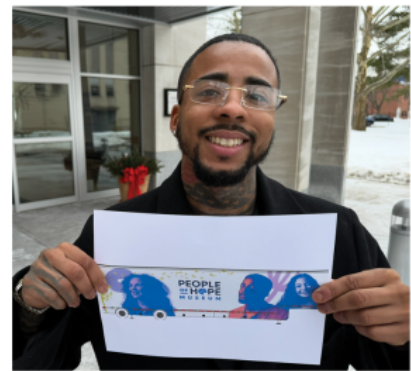
They are among 11,000 individuals we served last year. Even though we are a faith-based organization, you don't have to be Catholic to receive services. You only have to need help, and Catholic Charities is here to help."

The goal of Parent Support Services is to establish a family environment that has "a circle of security," Wilson says.

"A lot of parents were never taught how to know when their children are seeking security because they didn't have it when they were growing up," he says. "Some parents never thought about it or just didn't know."

The program's curriculum has two components: one is designed to give parents the tools to make their children feel secure by providing the emotional support, and the other establishes a structured home environment that has rules, rewards and a routine.

One important skill parents should have is the ability to listen to their children, Wilson says. "Sometimes children need reassurance, and parents have to know how to give them their undivided attention and listen," he adds. "But if the parents grew up in a home without affection or they were ignored, they might not have those skills, so we bring awareness to them. We can't fix the problem, but once parents are given the knowledge, they can use it and make the choice to seek help or develop the skills they need."



Marcus Wilson has been chosen to be featured as part of the People of Hope Museum, which highlights ministries and services of Catholic Charities.

Jennifer Raines-Pusey, program manager for Parenting Support Services, praised Wilson. "Marcus brings incredible heart to this work," she says. "His compassion is genuine, and families feel it right away. He has a special way of meeting parents exactly where they are, without pressure or pretense, and helping them see their own strengths." She adds that Wilson is deeply committed to helping families grow and succeed.

"He truly lives out the mission of Parenting Support Services every day, which exists to walk alongside families who are often overlooked or struggling quietly," she says.

The People of Hope Museum will be open to the public at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford, from April 14 to 15 in the rear parking lot off Asylum Avenue.



Upcoming Events



APRIL 14 - 15 @ 11AM - 7PM
PEOPLE OF HOPE MUSEUM
Cathedral of Saint Joseph rear lot,
off Asylum Ave, Hartford

Step inside for an inspiring look at how Catholic Charities agencies bring compassion to help people in need nationwide. Visit www.ccaoh.org/poh to learn more.



APRIL 17 @ 6:30PM
YOUNG ADULT 21+ GROUP
Our Lady of Knock Parish, St. Patrick Church, Farmington

Candlelight Mass will be held at 6:30 PM with Trivia, Tacos, Drinks, and Social following the Candlelight Mass.



APRIL 17 - 19
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
St. George Church, Guilford

Fri, 17 April, 4:30 - 9 pm | Sat, 18 April, 10 am - 8:30 pm | Sun, 19 April, 9:30 am - 3 pm
Talks on St. Carlo Acutis & St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia. 1st class relics of both St. Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration. For more information, contact Donna Yatzko at 203-453-2788.



APRIL 18 @ 9:30AM - 3PM \$70
MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT DAY
Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, Higganum

Strengthen your marriage by spending the day at our Retreat Center! Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. Call Sr. Lany Jo 203-606-9102 to RSVP. Donation asked \$70 a couple - Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch.



APRIL 18 @ 5:30PM \$30
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "SPRING FLING"
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Evening get-together with door prizes, basket raffles, dinner, dessert, and Beer/wine/soda. Entry Tickets are sold at the door (\$30) or at the Parish Office (\$25) until April 16. Cash/Check only please.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
St. Paul VI Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Hamden

Join us for a Holy Hour and Reception including Adoration, prayer teams, guided prayer, support and resources for those struggling with pregnancy loss or infertility. Registration required. Please reach out to m.ricci@hamdenatholic.org to RSVP.



APRIL 27 @ 7PM
SPEED NETWORKING AND MENTORING
Holy Angels Center, Meriden

Join Young Catholic Professionals Central Connecticut and meet inspiring professionals, connect with other young adults, and walk away with practical insight for your career and faith. Food and drink will be provided. We will be having Stations of the Cross and prayer at 7pm, and the speed networking and mentoring will start at 7:45.



MAY 2 @ 4PM
LATINO VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT
St. Augustine Parish, Hartford

Join us for 4PM Vigil Mass, followed by free dinner and a Q&A panel of speakers from all different vocations. Registration required. Email kathleen.pencz@aohct.org to RSVP.



MAY 8 @ 6PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury

All are welcome for a night of prayer and support for those experiencing infertility or pregnancy/child loss. We will have welcoming remarks, Mass, a reflection, Adoration with Praise and Worship, and a reception to follow with light refreshments, veneration of relics, resources, community, and opportunities to meet with Religious Sisters and Prayer Teams. Registration required. Please reach out to hello@waterburybasilica.org to RSVP.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
YCP SPEAKER EVENT
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Mary's Church, New Haven

"AI. Faith. Your Career. Are They Compatible?" Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Omar Kouaty on AI and faith in the workplace. We look forward to meeting you there!



MAY 8 @ 6PM
WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR & DINNER
St. Bridget of Sweden Parish, Cheshire

Are you seeking peace and direction? Join us for an evening dedicated to women's vocational discernment. We'll begin with a Holy Hour featuring beautiful music, prayerful silence, and an inspiring reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email cdemiany@ascjus.org to RSVP.



MAY 9 @ 9AM - 2PM
DAY WITH MARY | RETREAT
Precious Blood Parish, St. Agnes Church, Milford

Join us for A Marian Eucharistic Day Retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. Day will include: Holy Mass, Confession, Conferment of the Miraculous Medal, Fatima Video, Benediction, Marian Procession, Conferment of the Brown Scapular, Recitation of the Rosary and talks by Franciscans. Inclement weather, check status www.daywithmarywest.org Retreat is FREE, bring a snack!



MAY 10 @ 10AM Adults \$50
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Children 4-12, \$15 | Children under 4, Free
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