



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 19, 2026

PARISH OFFICE

626 Willard Ave. (All Mail Please)
Newington, CT 06111
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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

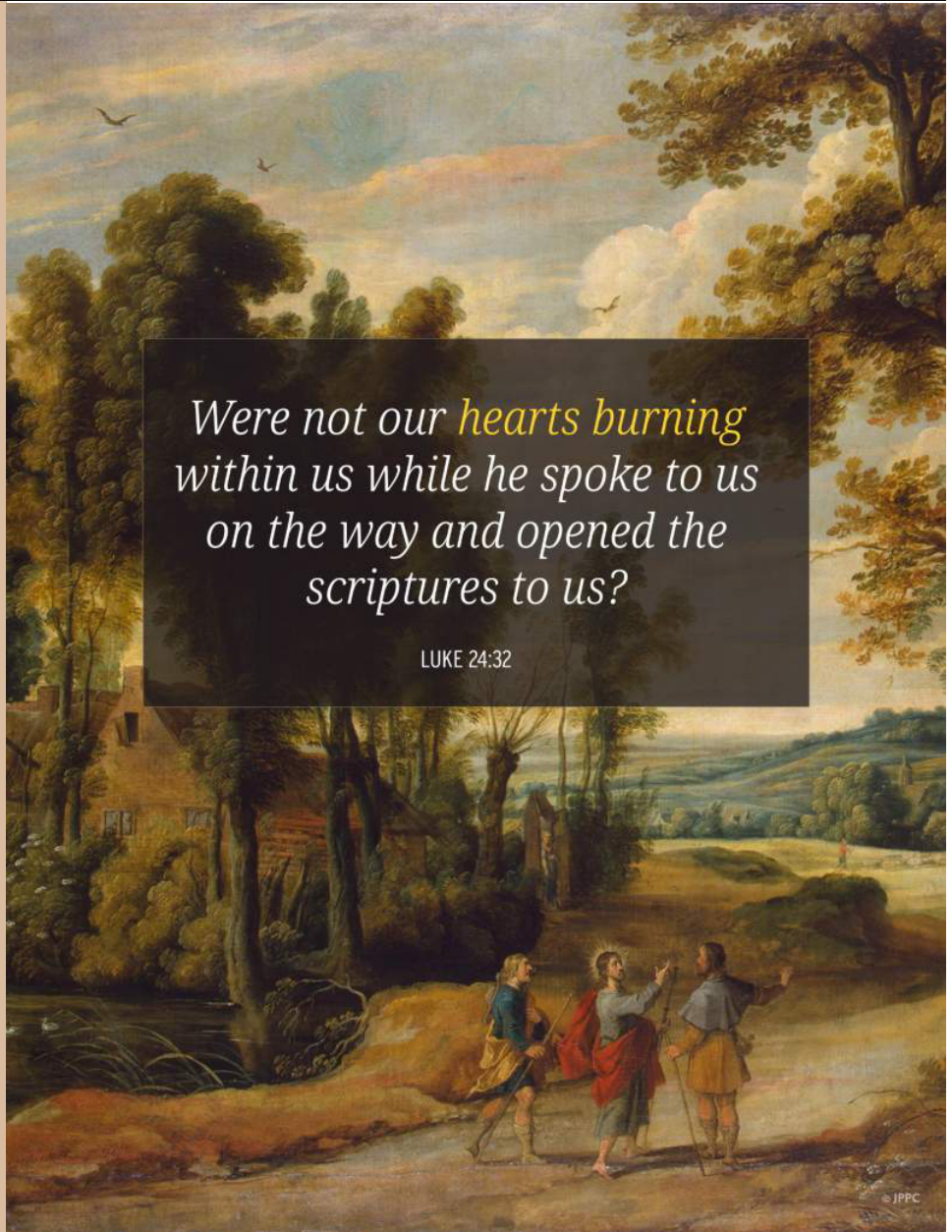
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday
9:00 am, HS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm, HS

Sunday Masses:

8:00 am, SM
9:15 am, HS
10:30 am, SM
12:00 pm, HS

Visit us on the web @
annunciationnewington.com



*Were not our **hearts burning**
within us while he spoke to us
on the way and opened the
scriptures to us?*

LUKE 24:32

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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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“Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.” Luke 24:35

The 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A, reflects on how the risen Jesus brings hope and understanding to His followers. The readings emphasize Jesus’ presence, the importance of faith, and the fulfillment of God’s plan.

Jesus’ Presence in Our Journey: The Gospel tells the story of Jesus walking with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This shows that Jesus is with us in all moments of life, even when we do not recognize Him.

Scripture Reveals Christ: Jesus explains the Scriptures to the disciples on the road. This reminds us that the Bible helps us understand Jesus and strengthens our faith.

Faith Opens Our Eyes: The disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. This shows that faith allows us to truly see Jesus in the Eucharist and in others.

God’s Plan Fulfilled: Peter’s speech in Acts highlights how Jesus’ death and resurrection were part of God’s plan. This reminds us that God’s promises are fulfilled through Jesus.

Hope in Christ’s Resurrection: Peter’s letter speaks of hope through Jesus’ resurrection. This hope encourages us to live with trust, knowing Christ has conquered death.

Eucharist as Spiritual Nourishment: The Gospel shows the disciples’ joy in sharing a meal with the risen Jesus. It reflects how the Eucharist nourishes and unites us with Christ today.

The themes of the 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A, invite us to recognize Jesus in the Scriptures, in the Eucharist, and in our daily lives. The risen Jesus continues to guide, teach, and give hope to all who seek Him.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Third Sunday Of Easter

Monday Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Sunday Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 20th, Easter Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. All Souls In Purgatory, By Anna

Tuesday, April 21st, Weekday Easter, Saint Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Pasquale Ambrogio, 25th Anniversary, By His Family

Wednesday, April 22nd, Easter Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Lillian Yaglowski, By Her Family

Thursday, April 23rd, Easter Weekday; Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Joseph Gary McKeever, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild

Friday, April 24th, Easter Weekday; Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

S/M 9:00 a.m. Fr. Joshua Wilbur, For God's Healing Grace

Saturday, April 25th, The Vigil For The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

H/S 4:00 p.m. Carmel & Arthur Taylor, By The Taylor Family

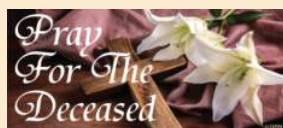
Sunday, April 26th, The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

S/M 8:00 a.m. Emil Pelletier, Birthday Remembrance, By His Wife Margaret

H/S 9:15 a.m. Paula & Vincenzo & Jennie Radinieri, By Their Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. John & Joyce Cortemanche, By Anna Gugliotti

H/S 12:00 p.m. Antonio Passacantando, By His Family



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Paula Carrier

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

Parish Support

April 12, 2026

Weekly	\$11,326
Online Giving	\$3,398
Total	\$14,724

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



Are you wondering if your child is on track academically?

You are not alone. Perhaps you'd like to consider some other educational options.

Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a **Spring Open House** on

Thursday, April 30 from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. at

Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway.

Corpus Christi School students benefit from smaller class sizes and personalized instruction. A structured curriculum combined with a nurturing environment result in student success - imagine how your child could soar!! Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions.

Tuition assistance is available. The school encompasses PreK - 8th grade. To register, please visit our website:

<https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487



Please welcome into our parish family, those who were recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

Aria Elisabeth Schwab

Emily Sloane

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

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

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, **May 3** @ 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

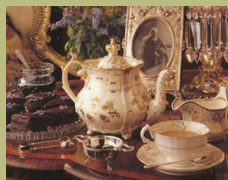
...meets every Thursday from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Kim Marchetti (860) 202-0020

The Women's Guild

Tuesday, May 5 there will be an **Executive Board Meeting.**

All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

The Women's Guild will hold a **Victorian Tea** on **Sunday May 17, 2026** in the **Holy Spirit Church Hall.** Adult women of the parish and public are invited to attend. The event will include tea and a 3 tier menu catered by Cafe Louise, a Tea Cup Raffle, a hat contest, and entertainment provided by the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History. **The speaker program will be "Hoop Skirts to Flappers". Doors open at 1:00 pm. Attendees are required to bring their own tea cup and saucer to use. All other items will be provided.** The cost is **\$25 per person and response and payment is due by May 3rd.** Checks should be written payable to "Annunciation Women's Guild", placed in a plain white envelope labeled on the outside with "Women's Guild Victorian Tea", your name(s) of attendees, and put into any Mass collection basket at either church by May 3rd. **For questions please contact the chairwoman Anna T @ 860-573-1416.**



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.



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>

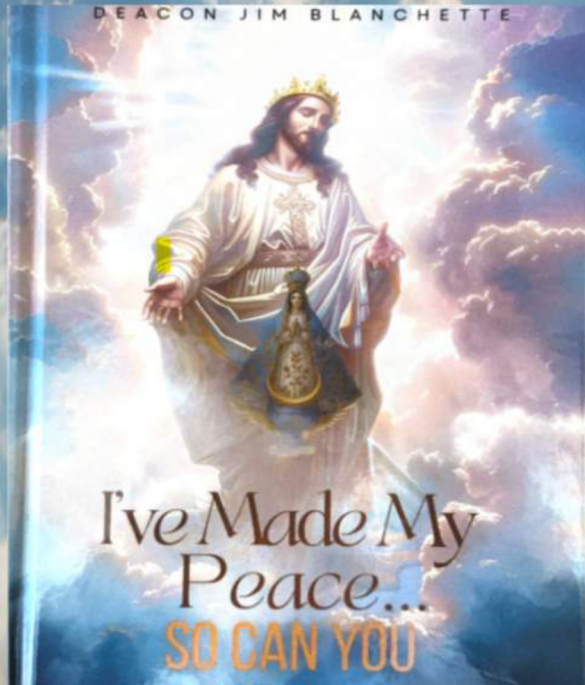


The Crowning of Mary

Please join us for a day to celebrate our **Blessed Mother! On Sunday, April 26th, the Office of Religious Education and our First Communicants will be leading The Crowning after the 9:15am Mass at Holy Spirit Church. All are welcome to attend!**



New Book Launch Deacon Jim Blanchette



Deacon Jim Blanchette Shares a True Story of Radical Conversion in *I've Made My Peace, So Can You*.

Some stories are about change. Others are about survival. This is a story about complete transformation. In *I've Made My Peace, So Can You*, Deacon Jim Blanchette offers a deeply personal account of a life shaped by pain, brokenness, and distance from faith, and the unexpected moment that changed everything.

Available on Amazon and also Barnes & Noble starting

April 15, 2026



Knights of Columbus
Newington, CT



Tootsie Roll Drive



Sunday, April 12,
at Saint Mary Church
and



Saturday & Sunday, April 18 & 19
at Holy Spirit Church

We'll be handing out Tootsie Rolls in
exchange for donations to support
individuals with intellectual disabilities.





Fundraiser Event

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Annunciation Parish
and Connecticut Comedy For Cash

presents Night of Comedy
Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

at Holy Spirit Church Hall
182 Church St, Newington

Doors at 6PM - Showtime at 7PM

Raffle prizes, Popcorn + BYOB + BYOFood

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 18 - 24, 2026

Albertus Magnus Students Swap Spring Break for Ohio *Mission Work*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Six students from Albertus Magnus College of New Haven went on spring break. But they did not go to Florida; they traveled to Ohio to perform mission work. They were part of the first Albertus Magnus Spring Break Mission Trip to Columbus, where they did service work for different ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, whose motherhouse is located in the capital city.

"Going to Florida may be cool, but doing community service and helping people out who are in need is more impactful than sitting on the beach," says Owen Griswold of New London, a junior majoring in criminal justice/pre-law.

For him, the highlight of the week was the four hours the group spent packing 2,760 meals for the Columbus-based LifeCare Alliance. The nonprofit organization distributes the meals to homebound residents.

"Jesus was all about helping people and giving back, and that is what we did."

Service is a fundamental part of life at Albertus Magnus and one of the four pillars of the Dominican charism – prayer, study, community and service. The college was founded in 1925 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

"That's how we live our lives every day," says Sister Cathy Buchanan OP, the campus minister who organized the trip. "All 19 Dominican colleges and universities have the same four pillars, so there is a shared culture, no matter where they are. When we go to conferences, we talk about the different pillars and what

they mean to us. Since service is one of our pillars, students know from the day they arrive that's what they're buying into." Sister Cathy, who made her first vows three years ago and is now temporary professed, knows about service. After a 27-year career in law enforcement, she was looking forward to retiring to Florida and sitting on the beach. But God had a different plan, she says, which includes working with young people and starting a new life with the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She describes the spring break in Ohio as "amazing."

"Everything went perfectly, considering this was our first time going," Sister Cathy says. While there, the Albertus students also met fellow students from Ohio Dominican University.

During the week, the group toured the Martin de Porres Center, a place dedicated to spirituality, education and the arts, and had an opportunity to do farm work and feed the animals at nearby Shepherd's Corner, the Dominican ecology center. Also, they visited the Dominican Learning Center, which offers adult learning classes

in ESL, GED and Adult Basic Education. In between their service work, the students were able to pray, meet many of the 150 sisters who live in the Dominican Motherhouse, and give them thank you cards of appreciation during Catholic Sisters Week, celebrated March 8 to 14. "Jesus was all about helping people and giving back, and that is what we did, just as Jesus did," says Griswold, who is a resident assistant and an admissions ambassador at Albertus.

The trip had special meaning for him since he became a Catholic last year at the Easter Vigil, when he was baptized, received First Communion and was confirmed.

He made the decision to enter the OCIA process after talking with another student at the National Dominican Preaching Conference. Before that time, he says, "I didn't have much faith at all."

Sister Cathy says the Albertus Magnus students, who were inspired by their experience this year, have already begun preparing for a spring break mission trip next year.



Sister Cathy Buchanan, OP, introduces students from Albertus Magnus College to the Dominican Sisters of Peace living at the Columbus motherhouse during lunch.



Upcoming Events



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 24 @ 7PM
YCP SPEAKER EVENT
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Mary 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 Kouatly on AI and faith in the workplace. We look forward to meeting you there!



MAY 13 @ 7:30PM
CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima! We will gather in front of the church to start the procession. The rosary will take place indoors if it rains. Coffee and cupcakes social to follow!



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 7:45PM.



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 a reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email cdemiany@ascj.us to RSVP.



MAY 13 @ 5:30PM - 9PM **\$50 COUPLES' EVENING RETREAT**
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Please join us as we explore the beautiful concept of marriage as a spiritual friendship. How is marriage a Trinitarian-like expression of love, with Christ at the center? How can deep, intentional listening with "the ear of the heart" cultivate a marriage rooted in spiritual friendship? Offered both in-person and online via Zoom. Includes dinner with wine and cheese. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



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 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 15 - 17 @ 6PM **\$300 MEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT**
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

We invite men in recovery into a peaceful atmosphere where you can rest, renew your spiritual life, and deepen your sobriety. Hear an inspiring lecture, catch up on some rest, and care for yourself as we care for you in mind, body, and spirit. Our Matt Talbot weekends are open to ALL people, from ALL backgrounds, regardless of whether or not you are a member of a church. The retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6-7:30PM and concludes on Sunday around 11AM. Generous scholarships are available. Call Marty V. at **860-250-6246** for scholarship information.



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.



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

Children 4-12, \$15 | Children under 4, Free
Come celebrate Mother's Day with a special Mass for mothers and families, and then enjoy a delicious gourmet brunch prepared by our chef. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.

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