



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 26, 2026

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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## **Office Hours**

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

## **CHURCH OF ST. MARY**

626 Willard Avenue  
Newington, CT. 06111

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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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I came so that they might have life and  
have it more abundantly.

JOHN 10:10



Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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](http://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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**“The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” John 10:3**

**The 4th Sunday of Easter Year A, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, highlights Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for His flock. The readings emphasize the themes of guidance, protection, and the call to follow Christ.**

**Jesus as the Good Shepherd:** Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep and lays down His life for them. This image shows His deep care and willingness to sacrifice for us.

**Repentance and Baptism:** In Acts, Peter calls for repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus. This theme emphasizes turning away from sin and beginning a new life in Christ.

**Following Christ’s Example:** Peter’s letter urges us to follow Christ’s example of suffering patiently. This teaches us to endure hardships with trust in God.

**Hearing God’s Voice:** Jesus says His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. This highlights the importance of listening to Jesus and discerning His guidance in our lives.

**New Life in Christ:** Peter speaks of dying to sin and living for righteousness. This theme stresses the new life we receive through Christ’s sacrifice and resurrection.

**Conversion and Salvation:** Acts recounts the conversion of many who heard Peter’s message. This shows the power of the Gospel to change hearts and bring salvation.

**4th Sunday of Easter Year A (Good Shepherd Sunday) reminds us of Jesus’ care and guidance as our Shepherd. We are called to listen to His voice, follow Him, and live out our faith daily.**

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Monday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

**Mass Intentions**

**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

**Monday, April 27th, Easter Weekday**  
**H/S** 9:00 a.m. No intention

**Tuesday, April 28th, Weekday Easter; Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**  
**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Richard Roccapiore, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
 By His Daughter

**Wednesday, April 29th, Easter Weekday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**  
**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Richard Brown, By The Annunciation Parish  
 Women's Guild

**Thursday, April 30th, Easter Weekday; Saint Pius V, Pope**  
**H/S** 9:00 a.m. No intention

**Friday, May 1st, Easter Weekday; Saint Joseph, Priest the Worker**  
**S/M** 9:00 a.m. Dolores Zlotkowski, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
 By Her Daughter

**Saturday, May 2nd, The Vigil For The Fifth Sunday Of Easter**  
**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Lyn Fairchild Sala, Birthday Remembrance,  
 By The Family

**Sunday, May 3rd, The Fifth Sunday Of Easter**  
**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Barbara Grimaldi & Alan Percoski,  
 By Donna Percoski

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Ann Profetti, 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
 By Her Daughters

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Frank Aschenbrenner, Jr., By The Family

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Linus & Maureen Steck, By Their Family



**In Loving Memory**

**We pray for...**

**Gerald "Gerry" Billman**  
**James Murphy Jr.**  
**Pauline Patz**

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

**Parish Support**

**April 19, 2026**

Weekly	\$9,529
Online Giving	\$3,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,288</b>

**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 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade. To register, please visit our website:

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

**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 Knights Sandwich Ministry**

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **May 17 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 Thursday 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**

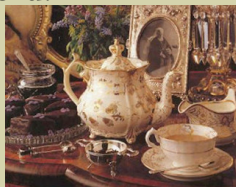
**Tuesday, May 5 there will be an Executive Board Meeting.**

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.



**The Knights Sandwich Ministry**

Thank you everyone for your generosity! On a rainy Sunday with April showers, we collected approximately 530 sandwiches, fruit cups, granola bars, cookies and pretzels for Hartford Shelters. The Shelters support over 200 individuals daily and are very grateful for our donations. They use sandwiches for lunches, late-meals, walk-in's and outreach programs. Our collections are on the third Sunday of the month.

**Our next sandwich collection is: Sunday, May 17th @ 4:30 in the Saint Mary School parking lot.**

Thank you for living your faith by helping others!



**"Gifts from Jerusalem"** will be visiting our church the **May 16th-17th, 2026** weekend to offer Olive Wood hand carvings for sale.

The Awad Family came to Connecticut from the Holy Land last September seeking safety and stability during the dramatic and political instability in the Holy Land. They are here in a mission supported by several local churches and civil society organizations, to serve and promote the artwork of more than 200 Catholic families who have been there for centuries, carving Olive Wood souvenirs to sell them to pilgrims who came to visit the ancient churches and sites in the Holy Land. **"The Gifts from Jerusalem"** mission helps them earn their living with dignity and hold tight as the Holy Land can not be emptied out of it's fellow Christians. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!



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Annunciation Parish would like to congratulate the 43 children who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 25th. May God Bless you!

**Jayden Alicea, Gianna Antonio, Jasmin Bgreen, Eva Capella, Jase Capella, John Cook, Adriana Costa, Bianca Cupial, Valentina Egan, Luis Espada, Brianna Fisher, Elliana Fortuna, Oliver Fusco, Ella Gatto, Pressley Gilbert, Maxwell Greenwood, Josephine Grimsley, Justin Harris, Emma Joseph, Stella Joseph, Ameiah Lim, Zayden Lough, Giada Luciano, Adriel Maldonado, Noah Martin, Kaileigh Martinez, Vincenzo Mezzio, Mateo Munoz, Nico Nunes Grajales, Emily Palazhi, John Pergolizzi, Savannah Peterson, Cameron Plis, Lena Ramirez, Liam Stanton, Hannah Szablowski, Leo Szablowski, Johanna Tanchiatco, Layla Tangney, Douglas Tripp, Andraya Trott, Ava Trott & Lorenzo Trott**



### 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!

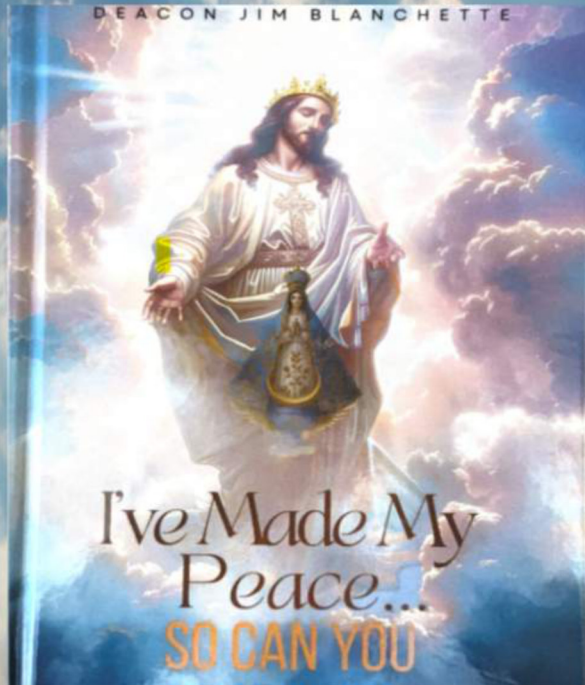


### **Happy Mother's Day! Birthright will distribute baby bottles after Masses on Mother's Day, May 10th weekend.**

We ask that you take the bottles home, fill them with coins, cash or a check and return them to the Birthright volunteer stationed after Masses on Sunday, May 31st weekend. As you will see from the insert inside the bottle, you may make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Birthright will send an acknowledgment card of your gift of life. This is an opportunity for our church families to have hands-on involvement in a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in the mothers' lives. Thank you for any help you can give!



# 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*.**

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# Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 25 - MAY 1, 2026

## SEEN Events Offer Grieving Parents Avenues to Healing

- Story by Shelley Wolf

Families who have experienced infertility, the loss of an unborn child or a stillbirth often suffer in silence. But there is hope and healing for the invisible pain of child loss.

“SEEN,” which stands for “Supporting Everyone Experiencing Neonatal Loss,” is a series of events intended to acknowledge the life lost and to provide spiritual support for grieving families.

There is one upcoming spring event: Friday, May 8 at 6 p.m. sponsored by Immaculate Conception Parish at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 74 West Main St., Waterbury.

“Parents love that baby with all their heart from the first moment,” says Valerie St. Jean, associate director of adult and family life ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford. “When a parent loses a baby, the sadness is almost too much. And the loss is not recognized.

*“There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus.”*

“The name ‘SEEN’ is important because very often, nobody knows what happened. The parents hold it inside,” she explains. “But we’re here to affirm the dignity of the life lost. As Catholics, we believe that life begins at conception, and every soul has meaning and purpose.”



Roses, candles and religious images set a quiet and prayerful tone for a SEEN gathering.

SEEN events allow parents to come forward to acknowledge their loss, meet other parents, gain spiritual nourishment and find ways to begin healing. The Basilica event will offer both spiritual and practical resources for coping with the loss of a child, whether the loss was due to a miscarriage or occurred after birth.

The evening event at the Basilica will include Mass, adoration, the veneration of relics, and a reception with resource materials. It will also feature a ministry of presence, including prayer, reconciliation, and counselors as well as art and journaling therapies.

“These events offer those suffering a safe place to grieve and to process their emotions, to be comforted and guided by spiritual support through our Catholic teachings,” St. Jean stresses.

“There will be prayer, adoration and other ways for people to experience the presence, love and mercy of Jesus. Expanding upon other resources and forms of prayer, can help people process their grief in different ways. The Basilica has done an amazing job

of finding resources to help people,” she adds.

The SEEN concept was started as a grassroots effort in 2020 by interested parishioners at Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven and has been quietly circulating to other parishes around the archdiocese in slightly different formats to reach more Catholics.

This past week, a SEEN event was also sponsored by St. Paul VI Parish at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Ave., Hamden.

While the events are parish-driven, the Archdiocese of Hartford’s Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life is offering its support and guidance, recognizing SEEN events as creative forms of support to reach the hearts of those who are suffering.

SEEN events are free, with many resources and services being donated, including music, food and materials. All interested families are welcome to attend.



## Upcoming Events



**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 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@ascjus.org](mailto:cdemiany@ascjus.org) to RSVP.



**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 28 @ 5 - 9PM**  
**BENEFIT NIGHT FOR HAITI MINISTRY**  
 American Flatbread, The  
 Shoppes at Farmington Valley,  
 Canton

Enjoy dinner and support feeding & educating almost 500 students at St. Thérèse School in Lilavois, Haiti at the same time! Dine in or take out - it all counts! Visit [www.ourladyofknock.org/haiti](http://www.ourladyofknock.org/haiti) for more information.



**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](http://www.daywithmarywest.org) Retreat is FREE, bring a snack!



**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](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).



**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](mailto: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](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).



**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. The retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6-7:30PM and concludes on Sunday around 11AM. Scholarships are available. Call Marty V. at **860-250-6246** for information.

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