



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 17, 2026

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

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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

Visit us on the web @
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Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations.

Matthew 28:19

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Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. 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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“I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.” John 17:9-10

The 7th Sunday of Easter Year A comes between the Ascension and Pentecost. The readings show the disciples waiting in prayer, facing trials, and trusting in Jesus’ words.

Waiting in Prayer: The disciples return to Jerusalem and pray together. They trust that God will guide them.

Unity in Faith: The disciples stay together in prayer. They support one another as they wait for the Holy Spirit.

Sharing in Christ’s Suffering: Peter reminds believers that suffering for Christ is a blessing. It shows that they belong to Him.

Glorifying God in Trials: Peter says to rejoice when facing hardships. Suffering for Christ brings honor, not shame.

Jesus’ Prayer for His Followers: Jesus prays for His disciples before He leaves. He asks God to protect them and keep them united.

Eternal Life through Christ: Jesus speaks of knowing God as the way to eternal life. Faith in Him leads to true life.

The 7th Sunday of Easter Year A reminds believers to trust in God while they wait. It shows the importance of prayer, unity, and staying faithful in hard times.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Monday Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 21:20-25

Sunday Vigil Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5 Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39

Sunday Day Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 16th, The Vigil For The Seventh Sunday Of Easter

H/S 4:00 p.m. Anne & Philip Bellinghausen, By Their Family

Sunday, May 17th, The Seventh Sunday Of Easter

S/M 8:00 a.m. Walter Zdeb, 6th Anniversary, By His Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Living Members of SFHSN class of 1958

S/M 10:30 a.m. John Mills, By His Wife & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Deceased Members of The Pace & DiLoreto Families, By The Treviso Family

Monday, May 18th, Easter Weekday; Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Chester Zlotkowski, 4th Anniversary, By His Daughter

Tuesday, May 19th, Easter Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Edward & Peter Zak, 5th Anniversary, By Their Family

Wednesday, May 20th, Easter Weekday; Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Manju Idiculla, By Her Friends

Thursday, May 21st, Easter Weekday; Saints Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

H/S 9:00 a.m. Lee & Leo Giattino, By Their Grandchildren

Friday, May 22nd, Easter Weekday; Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

H/S 9:00 a.m. Manju Idiculla, By Her Friends

Saturday, May 23rd, The Vigil For Pentecost Sunday

H/S 4:00 p.m. Carol Taylor, By The Taylor Family

Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday

S/M 8:00 a.m. Debbie Pelletier, By Her Mother Margaret

H/S 9:15 a.m. Walter Biluszcak & Family, By The Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Katherine & Joseph Tesz, By Their Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Jodie Jasse, By The Lee Wise & Family



News About Father Josh Wilbur

As many of you may know, Fr. Josh Wilbur, who previously served here at St Mary's and Holy Spirit Churches, is facing end-stage liver disease caused by a rare autoimmune condition. His liver is no longer functioning properly, and without a transplant, his condition will continue to worsen and lead to his death. A **living** donor transplant has been recommended as his best chance for long-term survival and the ability to continue serving others. Healthy individuals can donate a **portion** of their liver, which then regenerates over time. Both donor and recipient livers grow back to **full function**. We are **urgently** requesting your prayers for someone to be willing to be the donor who could save Fr Josh's life. Potential donors go through a thorough medical evaluation to ensure it is safe for them to proceed. A dedicated team of doctors, surgeons, and donor advocates supports every step of the process. You do not need to be related to Fr. Joshua to be considered. **Please Call Yale New Haven Health 866-925-3897 if you'd like more information or to be evaluated to become a donor. Thank you and God bless you.**

In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Mary Colello

Greg Gudmundson

Steven Simard

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

Parish Support

May 10, 2026

Weekly	\$11,511
Online Giving	\$4,043
Total	\$15,554

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



***The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will hold their May meeting on May 21st at 1pm at: St. Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain. The main event will be the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Please bring a friend.**



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, **June 7 @** 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, June 2 there will be a Final Board Meeting. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

Awakening Retreat

June 6th, 2026

All are warmly invited to the Awakening Retreat, a peaceful and enriching one-day retreat to help deepen your faith and grow in your relationship with the Holy Spirit. Through prayer, reflection and fellowship, the day offers an opportunity to experience God's mercy and love in a deeper way. The retreat will be held on Saturday, **June 6th from 10am - 5pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church (St Josephine Bakhita parish) Rocky Hill.** The day includes witness talks, small group sharing, lunch, a penitential service, music and Mass along with so much more. Cost is \$25 which covers lunch and materials. Scholarships are available. Registration is required by May 28th. For

more information contact: Michael Lonergan at: 860-638-7080 or email at: Mikelonergan53108@sbcgloval.net

Birthright distributed 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!



“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!



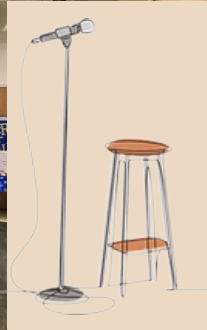
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An Evening of Comedy at Annunciation Parish—Huge Success!

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, the seventh **Evening of Comedy** was held at our parish. The three comedians, show sponsors and local businesses that donated raffle prizes, made for a memorable night of laughs. The dedicated Comedy Night committee chaired by Jay Dumais, outdid themselves again!! The decorations, set up and assembling of raffle prizes all came together beautifully with three very funny comedians. Through the work of the committee and the generosity of local businesses and parishioners, the event raised \$11,000.00 for our parish. Congratulations!!

When you have the opportunity, please be sure to thank our show sponsors.

They are: All Waste Inc, Annunciation Parish Women's Guild, Anonymous Parishioner, Birch Hill Landscape & Design LLC, Bliss Nail & Spa, Borselle Plumbing & Heating, Cathy Hall (Berkshire Hathaway Home Services), Charlotte DeBoer, CT Insurance Exchange, D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, Don's Speed Shop, Duksa Family Funeral Homes, Dunkin Donuts (Cary Gagnon Network), Elmwood Pastry Shop, Ferrari's Appliance, Graver's Tree Care, Karma's Closet, Kud-Pro Plumbing, Lenares Landscaping & Design, McBride Wayside Carpet, Mike's Auto Service, Mirabelli Automotive, Newington Knights of Columbus Council #3884, Newington Rotary, Patrick Baker & Sons Inc, Paul Leckowicz Dentist, Renew Asphalt Maintenance, Rose Hill Memorial Park, Shaker-Hill Funeral Home, Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, Stephen Ouellette Home Improvements, Stonehedge Landscaping & Garden Center, Taylor Therapy Center, The Lost Art Barbershop, Turgeon Insurance Services, Turgeon Jewelers, and Zaman Roofing LLC.



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Please also thank these area businesses who supported our event by donating prizes for the raffle.

They are: Annunciation Parish Eucharistic Ministry, Annunciation Parish Men's Club, Annunciation Parish Women's Guild, Carvel, Cedar Mountain Stone & Mulch, Connecticut Science Center, Crazy Bruce's Liquors, Crumbl Cookies, Dee Howard, Doogies, Elaine's Restaurant, Elm Hill Pizza, Elm Hill Spirit Shoppe, Fazio Shoe Repair & Retail, Flying Monkey Bar & Grill, Galaxy Carpet, Giovanni's Bakery, Goodspeed Opera House-(Dave & Rosemary Andle), Hartford Yard Goats Baseball, Hound & Home, Italian Gourmet, Joey Garlic's, Karma's Closet, LaserMaxx Newington, Lowe's Home Improvement, Maureen Shirley, Modern Wine, Mortensens Ice Cream, Olympia Diner, Outback Steakhouse, Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Center, Plaza Wine, Price Chopper, Prime Burgers Restaurant, Bar & Grill, Reflexions Studio, Rogers Orchard, Roma Custom Tailoring, Sally's Apizza, Shake Shack, Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry, Steve's Place, Stew Leonards, Stop & Shop - Fenn Rd, Stop & Shop - Kitts Ln, Sturbridge Village, Tanger Studio- (Patricia Tanger), The Eye Glass Place, The Hair Gallery, The Kakery, TJ's on Cedar Bar & Grill, Trader Joe's, Turgeon Jewelers, What a Ruff Life, Wood-n-Tap Bar & Grill, Yanni's Pizzeria & Restaurant. Last but not least, a big thank you to: **Connecticut Comedy For Cash**, the organization who supplied the funny comedians!



YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT

WHEN
June 15th, 2026 | 8am - 6pm

WHERE
Holy Family Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford, CT

AGES | 18-25

ADVANCE TICKETS | \$50

AT THE DOOR | \$60

SPONSOR | St. Paul Young Men's Group

THE DAY'S LOOK

- ◇ **Light breakfast upon arrival**
- ◇ **Great talks**
- ◇ **Prayer**
- ◇ **Fellowship**
- ◇ **Mass and Confession**
- ◇ **Full meal with dessert**
- ◇ **Coffee/tea/juice all day!**

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THE RETREAT



SPEAKERS



Fr. Anthony Federico
Director of Vocations & Seminarians | Archdiocese of Hartford



Sam Todzia
Catholic Speaker and Retreat Leader | Founder of Red Barn Ministries



Noel Terranova
Retreat Team Member & Speaker | Holy Family Retreat Center

Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MAY 16 - 22, 2026

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center Celebrates 75th Year of Spiritual Renewal

- Story by Shelley Wolf

In 1951, Holy Family Monastery and Retreat House opened its doors in West Hartford, on a hill with a lighted cross, as is the Passionist tradition. On Feb. 2 of that year, the retreat center welcomed 95 men from St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Hartford for the first weekend retreat, striving to grow their spirituality and connect them more deeply to God.

What is now known as Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year with a slate of activities that will be open to the general public.

"We're so proud of all that we've achieved and all that we've become over the years," says Father David Cinquegrani, a Passionist priest and the leader since 1999, "and we're beyond thrilled to be celebrating this milestone anniversary.

"We're proud of our history as a place of peace and an instrument of spiritual growth and transformation for so many people," he says, "and we hope to continue on that path for many years to come."

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center's roots go back far longer than 75 years – to 1720. It was then, in Italy, that St. Paul of the Cross founded the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ (Passionists) with the goal of teaching people how to pray and meditate on Christ's Passion.

The Order arrived in the United States in the 1800s, and in 1945, Bishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford invited the Passionists to establish a monastery and retreat house for Catholic men in Connecticut.

Under the leadership of Father Joseph Leo Flynn, a Passionist priest, the Passionists purchased 69 acres of farmland in West Hartford, and in 1951 the monastery and retreat house opened for men. In 1986, it added retreat programs for women, and in the 1990s added youth programs and programs for those in recovery.

Today, Holy Family is the largest parish-based Catholic retreat center in the United States, offering a wide variety of retreats and programs. According to Luke Giroux, director of administrative operations, between 4,000 and 5,000 people visit for retreats and other programs each year.

To celebrate its anniversary, Holy Family has a number of activities planned for 2026. So far, two special anniversary events have been scheduled.

A Summer Concert will be held **July 8** at 7 p.m. at the outdoor pavilion.

"A collection of talented vocalists and musicians from Holy Family's music ministry will be performing a mix of Broadway numbers and jazz hits," Giroux says. All are welcome to this free event. No registration is required.

On **Sept. 13**, an Anniversary Celebration is set for 3 p.m., beginning with an outdoor Mass and a reception immediately following. The event will offer music, food and an array of speakers. It is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

"Holy Family welcomes all who seek to deepen their relationship with God and with one another," Giroux says. "We encourage all seekers to come be at peace on our 48 acres, to enjoy the labyrinth, to walk the outdoor stations, and to discern their relationship with God as we take steps into the next 75 years."

For updates on these and other anniversary events, visit holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar-of-events.



Priests and Catholic retreatants gather for the very first retreat Feb. 2 to 4, 1951, at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HOLY FAMILY



Upcoming Events



MAY 21 @ 9:30AM - 3PM **\$12**
NEW DAY SEMINAR FOR THE BEREAVED
 Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, Higganum

This seminar helps those who have lost a loved one with the tasks of grieving. The cost of the book is \$12. Reservations required. Call Sr. Patricia Cigrand **203-606-4830** or email **cigrandpatricia@gmail.com**. A free will offering will be welcomed.



MAY 23 @ 9AM - 2PM
ANNUAL TAG SALE
 St. Raphael's Parish, St. Ann Campus, Milford

Come on down for some amazing deals on many unique finds! We have everything from: Tools & Hardware, Furniture & Décor, Clothing & Shoes, Home Appliances, Books, Games & DVDs, Toys... and more. Stop by to see what you can discover!



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Curious about Bible school? Come experience it for yourself at our Open House! All Month through May - Restarting in September! Sit in on a live class, meet our teachers, and see what real biblical training looks like. In-person or virtual. We'll personally connect you with the right teacher and make sure you have everything you need. Contact Class Coordinator **dayanee.olivieri@aohct.org** for more information.



JUNE 12 - 13 @ 8PM
ALL NIGHT VIGIL
 St. Joseph Church, Winsted

Vigil begins at 8PM with opportunity for Confession until 8:45PM. Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9PM. Each hour throughout the night will have some structured prayer time as well as time for quiet reflection. Vigil concludes with 8AM Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Coffee and water will be available throughout the night. Homemade Bread will be shared after the 8AM Mass in honor of St. Anthony's Feast Day, June 13.



MAY 27 @ 6:30PM - 8:30PM
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT
 Cathedral of St. Joseph, Lower Cathedral Hall, Hartford

Please join us for an interactive educational event to learn about human trafficking. This program, offered by the Partnership to End Human Trafficking (PEHT), features "In Her Shoes", an exercise designed to walk participants through a day in the life of a human trafficking survivor. Following the exercise, you will learn how trafficking happens in our communities and what you can do to help. PEHT has partnered with Order of Malta American Association and the AOH Human Trafficking Task Force to bring you this unique experience designed for adults and teens 16+. There is no charge for this event, but we ask that you register **www.tinyurl.com/2f3p7k96** at this link.



MAY 31 @ 10AM
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 St. Joseph Church, Ansonia

Saint Joseph Church of Ansonia will commemorate its 100th anniversary with a centennial celebration on May 31, honoring a century of faith, community, and fellowship. The celebration will begin with Mass at Saint Joseph Church with Archbishop Christopher Coyne serving as principal celebrant.

Mass will take place at St. Joseph Church, Ansonia, and Dinner at 12PM will take place at Warsaw Park, Ansonia.

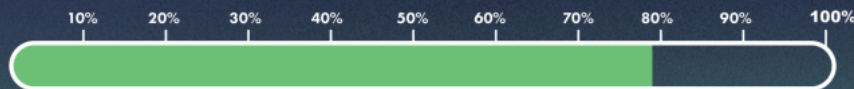


JULY 9 - 11 @ 5PM - 9PM
SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL
 Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Our Summer Food Festival brings our parish and our community together for a joyful celebration held right in our church parking lot. Featuring delicious food tents, special evenings with live music, family-friendly games for children, and the excitement of announcing our annual raffle winners, the festival is a highlight of the summer season! Come join us – menu/poster can be seen on our Facebook events **@StMarysChurchDerbyCt** or on our website **www.OLQAderby.org**.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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\$7,892,438.53 in pledges from 21,802 generous donors



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