



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

PARISH OFFICE

626 Willard Ave. (All Mail Please)
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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Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained.

JOHN 20:22-23

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O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

“Holy Spirit, breathe into our hearts and let us inhale the tenderness of the Father. Breathe upon the Church, so that she may spread the Gospel with joy. Breathe upon the world the fresh restoration of hope.” Pope Francis

Pentecost Year A celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The readings show how the Spirit brings unity, renewal, and guidance to God’s people.

Gift of the Holy Spirit: The Spirit comes to the disciples, giving them strength and wisdom. This gift helps them spread the message of Jesus.

Unity in the Spirit: People from different places understand the disciples in their own languages. The Spirit brings people together, overcoming barriers.

New Life in Christ: The Spirit brings life, just as in Ezekiel’s vision of dry bones. Through the Spirit, believers are made new and filled with hope.

Power of God’s Presence: The readings describe God’s presence in fire, wind, and mighty works. The Spirit shows God’s power working in the world.

Mission of the Church: Jesus sends His followers to share His message and offer forgiveness. The Spirit gives them courage and guidance to continue His work.

Thirst for the Spirit: Jesus offers living water, which means the Spirit. Those who seek Him will be filled and renewed.

Pentecost Year A reminds us that the Spirit is always with us. The Spirit gives us strength, leads us to truth, and helps us live as followers of Jesus.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Pentecost Sunday

Monday Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45

Thursday 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5 Mk 10:46-52

Friday 1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mk 11:11-26

Saturday Jud 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 11:27-33

Sunday Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

Mass Intentions

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 Lee Wise & Family

Monday, May 25th, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Teofile Slivinskas,
By Carol Ann & Al Slivinskas

Tuesday, May 26th, Saint Philip Neri, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Gary Morgan; Mary Guasta,
By The Tramadeo Family

Wednesday, May 27th, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

H/S 9:00 a.m. Patricia Dunican,
By John & Margaret Rocco

Thursday, May 28th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Janice Lojko,
By David & Rosemary Benoit

Friday, May 29th, Weekday; Saint Paul VI, Pope

H/S 9:00 a.m. No intention

Saturday, May 30th, The Vigil For THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

H/S 4:00 p.m. Rosalia Bononat, By Rosalia Mills & Family

Sunday, May 31st, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

S/M 8:00 a.m. Cecile & Norman LeBrun, By Marie

H/S 9:15 a.m. Elisabeth Jarnot & Arnold Jarnot ,
By Their Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Tom Rogers, Birthday Remembrance,
By His Wife & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Maria DiPillo, By Ugo DiPillo & Family



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Susan Lawrence

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

Parish Support

May 17, 2026

Weekly	\$10,250
Online Giving	\$ 4,008
Total	\$14,258

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



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

- Jacqueline Sarah Byrnes**
- Aubrey Elizabeth Giansanti**
- Lola-Rose Cordelia Kelley**
- Clara Maria Lanuza**
- Matteo Gabriel Khan Rimando**

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **June 21 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

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women will hold its annual Scholarship Banquet on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at the East Side Restaurant, New Britain. Social hour with cash bar will be 5:00pm-6:00pm followed by a plated meal. In addition to honoring the scholarship winners, there will be a tea cup raffle. Call Sharon Kron (860 834-6284) or email nbccw2@gmail.com with any questions.

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!

National Memorial Day in the USA is celebrated on the last Monday in May. All men and women, who gave their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces, are commemorated on this day. National Memorial Day is formally known as Decoration Day, the day that commemorated the Union and Confederate soldiers, who died during the American Civil War. Later the day extended to honor all American soldiers, who died while in the military service.

Traditionally, the flag of the USA is raised briskly to the top of the flagstaff, then it is lowered to the half-staff position. This position is chosen in remembrance of those people, who died for their country. At noon the flag is raised to full-staff as the symbol that the memory of dead soldiers is being raised by the living. Their sacrifice was not in vain, that is why we rise up in their honor and continue fighting for liberty and justice. Thank you for your sacrifice.



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

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



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HELP A MOTHER GIVE BIRTH TO HER BABY!
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MAY 23 - 29, 2026

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center Relocates to *New Location* - Story by Jim Tierney

In a new home more visible to the community, Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center begins its next chapter. Behind its doors, the work continues — rooted in a quiet commitment to the women and children of Torrington and the area.

Two Hearts Pregnancy Center, which first opened in October 2012 in the former rectory of Sacred Heart Church, began a new chapter after the parish property was sold in 2023. While relocating had not been part of the plan: “Moving for us was not an option,” says Lynn Reynolds, former executive director of Two Hearts Pregnancy Center, the search led to a building that proved to be the right fit.

Purchased in March 2025 after what she described as a “futile search of many properties,” the site “needed some work, but the location was perfect.”

“Volunteers are critical to the life of the center.”

Following renovations, the center welcomed families into its new home in October 2025. Located along a well-traveled road in Torrington, the new site offers visibility that helps ensure women and families know support is available when they need it most.

“If you want to help women in need, they have to know you are there,” Reynolds explains. “This location helps us do that.”

Since 2012, Two Hearts, a nonprofit supported by the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, has served 1,059 mothers — and more than 1,000 children — through 21,805 visits for support and supplies, Reynolds notes. Over time, the former space had become difficult to manage.

Supplies were stored in multiple small rooms, making it harder for volunteers to organize and access what families needed. The reception area, where many first conversations take place, was tight and divided.

But the new layout has changed that.

“Supplies are better organized, volunteers can prepare items more efficiently, and the reception area is open and welcoming,” Reynolds says. “As they say, first impressions count.”

Meanwhile, Reynolds says the center’s mission itself has grown.

“I would like to stress that we do not just assist pregnant mothers trying to decide if they want to abort or keep their child,” she says. “Our original vision was just that.”

The center’s volunteers have met many women who had already chosen to carry their child despite difficult circumstances. “We also help those women and their children,” Reynolds adds. “We believe this is more reflective of Christ’s love.”

A key component of Two Hearts is its volunteers.

“Volunteers are critical to the life of the center,” Reynolds says. “Without volunteers, the center could not function.” As the only paid staff member, she oversees administration and meets with clients, while volunteers handle nearly everything else — maintaining the supply room, scheduling visits, preparing packages and cleaning. When it came time to move, volunteers painted, handled electrical work and transported every item from the old building to the new one.

With the move complete, the center is entering a new chapter under newly hired executive director Jane Muir Sellery, who assumed her post April 20.



Dora Csehak, board member and client services volunteer, standing on the chair, and Ann Marie Kelson, client services volunteer and diaper room coordinator, help provide essential resources to families in need.

“Asking our volunteers, they said that when clients come to this location after having received services at the former location, they universally say it’s nice,” says Muir Sellery. “One advantage of the current space is that all operations, other than a small amount of storage, are located on one floor, as compared to two separate floors.”

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center, 139 New Litchfield St., Torrington, is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit twoheartscenter.com. For questions, call the office at 860.482.0673. Women seeking help can call the 24-hour hotline, 860.482.0672.



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Upcoming Events



JUNE 2 @ 7PM
CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Mount Sacred Heart, Hamden

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are hosting a bilingual holy hour with consecration to the Sacred Heart in preparation for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The ceremony will include a special prayer of consecration, a blessing of each individual and family, and a blessing of the home. Each person or family will also receive a blessed image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of their choosing. We invite you to consider this opportunity to consecrate yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart! To register, email Sr. Angela at consecration@ascjus.org or visit bit.ly/consecration626.



MAY 30 @ 9AM - 2PM
ST. ANN FLEA MARKET
Church of Saint Ann, Avon

Discover hidden treasures at our Flea Market! From vintage finds to unique crafts, there's something for everyone! Come shop, explore, and enjoy great deals, all while supporting a wonderful cause. Proceeds from the event will benefit **Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center**.



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.



JUNE 15 @ 8AM - 6PM **\$50**
YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Experience a day of spiritual renewal and brotherhood with the St. Paul Young Men's Group, specifically for those ages 18–25. Hear from impactful speakers including Fr. Anthony Federico, Sam Todzia, and Noel Terranova while enjoying a full schedule of prayer, Mass, Confession, and great conversation.

Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door, which includes your meals for the day, from a light breakfast upon arrival to a full dinner and dessert, with coffee and refreshments available throughout. It's a perfect opportunity to step back from the daily grind and focus on fellowship and faith!



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.

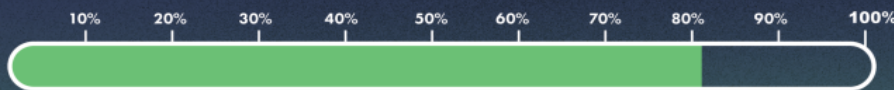


JULY 9 - 11 @ 5PM - 9PM
SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

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](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchDerbyCt) or on our website www.OLQAderby.org.

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