



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 3, 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

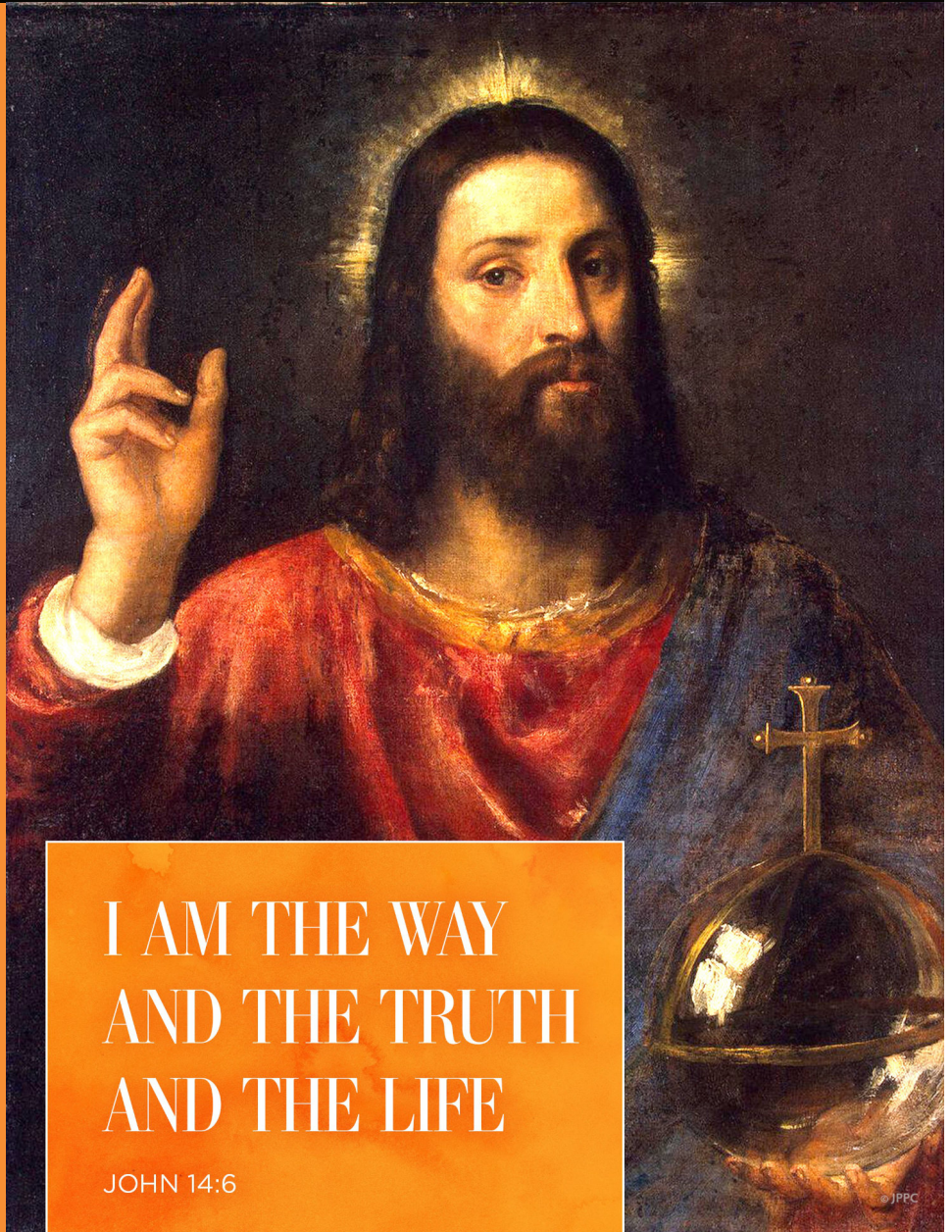
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday
9:00 am, HS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm, HS

Sunday Masses:

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

Visit us on the web @
annunciationnewington.com



I AM THE WAY
AND THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE

JOHN 14:6

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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.

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

“ I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

The 5th Sunday of Easter Year A focuses on faith, service, and the role of Jesus in our lives. The readings show how the early Church grew, how believers are called to be living stones, and how Jesus is the way to the Father.

Faith in Jesus: Jesus tells His disciples to trust in Him. He shows them that He is the way to God, and faith in Him leads to eternal life.

Serving Others: The first reading shows the apostles choosing helpers to care for those in need. The Church must serve others and make sure no one is forgotten.

Jesus as the Cornerstone: The second reading calls Jesus the cornerstone of God’s house. Those who follow Him become part of this spiritual building.

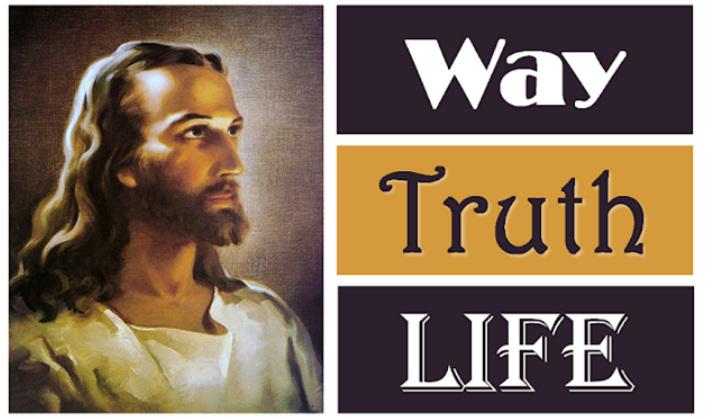
God’s Chosen People: Believers are called a holy people in the second reading. They are chosen to share God’s light with the world.

Following the Way: Jesus says He is the way, the truth, and the life. He leads people to the Father, and no one can go to God except through Him.

Works of Faith: Jesus says His followers will do great works in His name. Faith leads to action, and believers must continue His mission on earth.

Jesus calls His followers to trust in Him, serve others, and live as God’s chosen people. The Church must continue His mission with faith and love.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 3, 2026

Mass Intentions

- 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, 34th 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
- Monday, May 4th, Easter Weekday**
H/S 9:00 a.m. Clifton Paradis, 7th Anniversary, By His Son
- Tuesday, May 5th, Weekday Easter**
H/S 9:00 a.m. Arthur Rasimas, By His Family
- Wednesday, May 6th, Easter Weekday**
H/S 9:00 a.m. Cecilia Suarez, By Marco Suarez
- Thursday, May 7th, Easter Weekday**
H/S 9:00 a.m. Remy Martula & Wladyslaw Nega, By Their Family
- Friday, May 8th, Easter Weekday**
S/M 9:00 a.m. Maureen Reale, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild
- Saturday, May 9th, The Vigil For The Sixth Sunday Of Easter**
H/S 4:00 p.m. Donald Civitello, By His Family
- Sunday, May 10th, The Sixth Sunday Of Easter**
S/M 8:00 a.m. Mothers Living & Deceased
H/S 9:15 a.m. Mothers Living & Deceased
S/M 10:30 a.m. Mothers Living & Deceased
H/S 12:00 p.m. Mothers Living & Deceased



Congratulations to: Andrew Hoang and Paul Stoppa on earning High Honors! Nolan Kosciukiewicz was also named to the Honor Roll during the third quarter at Xavier High School!

In Loving Memory

We pray for...

George Fargo

Angelina Sinatra

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

Parish Support

April 26, 2026

Weekly	\$11,333
Online Giving	\$3,194
Total	\$14,527

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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

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>



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

- Blake Elizabeth Bohn**
- Colten Scott Escales**
- Nateo Ryan Macri**
- Olivia Elizabeth Mankus**
- Lillian Mae Porter**
- Lucas Alexander Tripp**

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.**



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!



A Thank You From Our Pastor

I am most grateful to those parish households who have made a gift to the 2025 Annual Parish Collection. We have received \$115,131 from our parish families. Thank you for your love and concern for Annunciation Parish. We will use this money strictly for the repairs and improvements of our buildings and grounds. Thank you again for your extreme and exceptional generosity! God Bless You All.



"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!

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



You're Invited to the Annunciation Parish

CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Raindate, August 30, 2026



All Families Are Welcome to Attend!

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Holy Spirit Church, 183 Church St, Newington

GAMES – FOOD – MUSIC – CRAFTS – FUN

Food, Desserts, and Drinks Provided!

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS AND
A CULTURAL DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE**

**CLICK ON THE QR CODE TO REGISTER BY JULY 23, 2026
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT
LYNN LUTZ AT (860)604-6798 OR LUTZ62511@GMAIL.COM**



YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT

WHEN
June 15th, 2026
8pm - 4pm

*Good soldiers don't
stumble onto the
battlefield. They pre-
pare. They train.
They lock arms.*

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

CONTACT
Tony deRito
tonyd433@gmail.com



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TICKETS**
\$50

AT THE DOOR
\$60

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**Kingsmen Young Men's
Group**
St. Paul Parish

THE DAY'S LOOK

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



Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MAY 2 - 8, 2026

Diaper Drive Brings Compassion, *One Box at a Time*

- Story by Jim Tierney

The idea did not begin in a church hall, but in a town conversation.

While living in West Hartford, Deacon Keith Griffin learned local agencies were quietly collecting diapers for families that could not afford them. When he was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in June 2023 and assigned to Christ the King Parish in Wethersfield, the thought stayed with him. Why not here?

Christ the King Parish, comprising Church of the Incarnation, Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart, already had a strong social action committee. Parishioners were supporting a health clinic in Honduras and the work of Father Rick Frechette in Haiti. A diaper drive would be practical, immediate and local, Deacon Griffin notes.

“The main goal for the drive is to lend a helping hand to families.”

“Diapers are an expensive necessity,” he says. “People shouldn’t have to choose between food and diapers. An average monthly supply costs \$80 to more than \$100. Clean diapers are a basic need for every baby and toddler.”

For families relying on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, that money must also cover rent, heat, electricity, food and transportation, Deacon Griffin adds. Diapers alone can consume up to 12% of those benefits.

The first diaper drive was held in January 2024, around Three Kings Day. Parishioners responded with open hands. More than 800 diapers were collected. That generosity has continued, twice each year — once in January and again on Mother’s Day weekend. The next Deacon’s Diaper Drive will be held May 9 and 10 at all Masses.

“The main goal for the drive is to lend a helping hand to families,” Deacon Griffin explains. “We deliver diapers to groups to distribute. We don’t know directly how many families we are accommodating. The main goal is to collect as many as possible to help as many as possible.”

Before the May 2024 collection, social action committee member Vin Cannamela contacted Corpus Christi School. Principal Ann Sarpu offered a simple incentive: a dress-down day for students who brought diapers, wipes or ointments. The children came through. Nearly 40% of the items collected each year now come from the school.

On collection day, the students form a bucket brigade, passing boxes hand to hand from the school building to adjacent Corpus Christi Church. It is a small parade of charity — sneakers squeaking, cardboard shifting, children grinning as they carry what many take for granted.

The parish does not distribute directly but delivers the diapers to those who manage the need: the Town of Wethersfield Social Services Department, Maria Reina de la Paz Parish in Hartford, Undercover New England, Hartford Deportation Defense, and Birthright. At the request of partner groups, the drive now also includes disposable undergarments for adults.

Deacon Griffin summarizes the broader community message from Matthew 25:45, when Jesus says that whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

For questions or more information about the diaper drive, email Deacon Griffin at deaconkeithCTK@gmail.com.



Deacon Keith Griffin of Christ the King Parish in Wethersfield organizes biannual diaper drives to support local and area social services. He stands with donations collected from the drive in January. PHOTO BY SHARON REYNOLDS



Upcoming Events



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 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.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. Inlement 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
 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.



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!



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 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.



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 \$12.00. Reservations required. Call Sr. Patricia Cigrand **203-606-4830** or email cigrandpatricia@gmail.com. A free will offering will be welcomed.



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.

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