



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 10, 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**

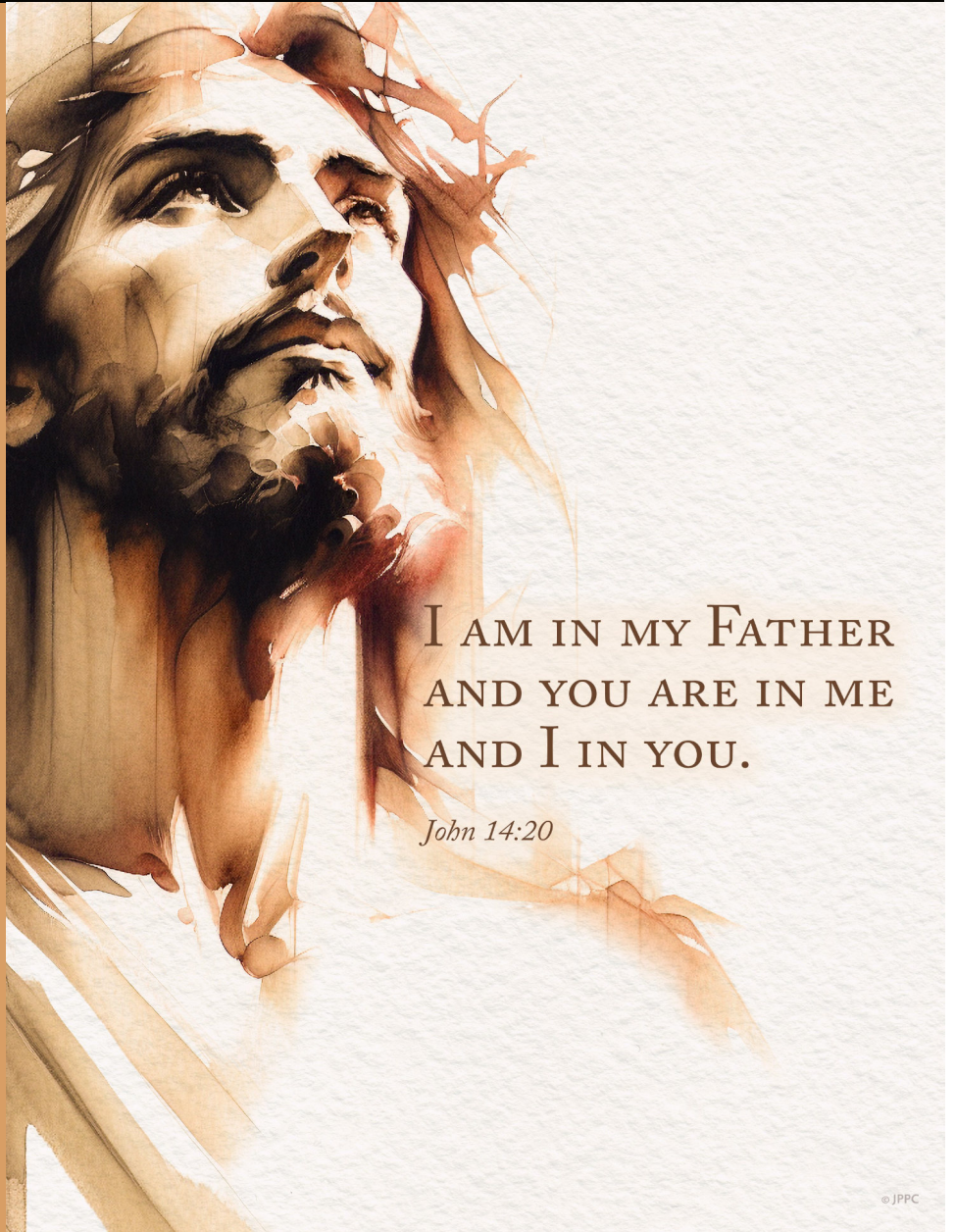
**Daily Mass:** Monday - Friday  
9:00 am, HS

**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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I AM IN MY FATHER  
AND YOU ARE IN ME  
AND I IN YOU.

*John 14:20*

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Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relieve in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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.

[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

**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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fr.kukulka@aohct.org

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fr.pullikattil@aohct.org

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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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**“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:18**

**The 6th Sunday of Easter Year A focuses on faith, love, and the Holy Spirit. The readings show how God strengthens His people and stays with them always.**

**Preaching and conversion:** Philip shares the message of Jesus in Samaria, and many people believe. The Gospel reminds us that love for Jesus leads to action and obedience.

**The gift of the Holy Spirit:** Peter and John pray for the new believers, and they receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to those who love Him.

**Faith in suffering:** Peter encourages Christians to stay strong when facing hardship. Jesus suffered for others, and His followers are called to remain faithful.

**Obedience to Christ:** Jesus says that loving Him means keeping His commandments. Faith is not just words but actions that show love and commitment.

**God’s constant presence:** Jesus promises that He will not leave His followers alone. The Holy Spirit is given to guide and help them.

**Love and relationship with God:** Jesus says that those who love Him will be loved by the Father. This shows that faith is not just belief but a close relationship with God.

The readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter Year A remind us that God is always with His people. Faith, love, and the Holy Spirit guide Christians in their daily lives.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Monday Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

Friday Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

**Mass Intentions**

**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

**Monday, May 11th, Easter Weekday**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Michael, 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday, (Living)  
By His Mom & Sisters

**Tuesday, May 12th, Weekday Easter; Saints Nereus and Achilleus,**

**Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Denise DeTuccio, By Her Family

**Wednesday, May 13th, Easter Weekday; Our Lady of Fatima**

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

**Thursday, May 14th, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

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

S/M 12:10 p.m. No intention

H/S 5:30 p.m. Gilbert McCusker, 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversay,  
By His Wife & Children

**Friday, May 15th, Easter Weekday; Saint Isidore**

H/S 9:00 a.m. John Mills, By Rosalie & Family

**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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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



**\*Annunciation Parish's volunteer "Grounds Crew" is reaching out to recruit parishioners to help keep the grounds of St. Mary and Holy Spirit campuses looking beautiful.**

**What we do: plant, prune, weed & mulch around the 2 Blessed Mother's gardens, multiple flower/rock beds around the churches and rectory, and brace up the grounds by removing fallen sticks and litter that accumulates on the property. If you could lend a hand, possibly twice a month for an hour, please contact: Jay Dumais, 860-836-8243, jay11dum@gmail.com**

**Thank You and God Bless!**

**In Loving Memory**

**We pray for...**

**Carolyn Arcari**

**Janice Lojko**

And for the consolation of their family & friends.

*Eternal rest grant unto them,*

*O Lord; let your light shine*

*upon them*

**Parish Support**

**May 3, 2026**

Weekly \$14,313

Online Giving \$4,398

Total \$18,711

**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:

**Harper James Kolcz  
Mario Jumal, Perez, Camalig III**

**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.

**If you will be attending the Women's  
Guild Victorian Tea on Sunday, May  
17th, 2026 in the Holy Spirit Church  
Hall, please remember to bring your tea  
cup and saucer. All other items will be  
provided. We will also be collecting  
personal care items to be donated to the  
Newington Human Service's Department  
to be distributed to those in our  
community in need.**

**Doors open at 1:15 p.m. Tea is served at  
2pm and the program starts at 3pm.**

**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!



**"Gifts from Jerusalem"** will be visiting our  
church the **May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Generosity**  
changes everything

## **A Prayer for Mothers**

***God of tender love and life, You compared your love for humanity the love a mother has for her own child.***

**You are the Lord and Giver of Life, and you knit each of us together in our mother's womb.**

**You provide for the world the example of Mary, your own mother, who said yes to life amid her confusion and surprise. We thank you, then, for our Mothers. Though human, they are also a reflection of you, Lord God. They are your gift to us.**

**We pray for all mothers today. May they realize the greatness of their vocation, and have the strength to live it without fear. Forgive their sins, and keep their eyes raised up to you.**

**To those who still make this earthly journey with us, give us the grace to love them as we should; and to those whom you have called from this life, a special place of honor in your Kingdom of Endless life.**

**We pray through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**<https://www.priestsforlife.org/novenas/novena>**





*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**



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## 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!

SCAN HERE TO  
REGISTER FOR  
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

NEW Catholic School in New Britain!

[ChestertonSFA.org](http://ChestertonSFA.org)



## CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm

Scan the QR code or visit us at [ChestertonSFA.org](http://ChestertonSFA.org) to register. *Pre-registration is required.*



### OPEN HOUSE & INFO SESSION

Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 pm

Saint Francis of Assisi School  
30 Pendleton Road, New Britain, CT 06053

# Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

MAY 9 - 15, 2026

## A Race Against Time: Father Joshua Wilbur Awaits a *Lifesaving Liver Transplant*

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

Father Joshua Wilbur remains optimistic, though he has acknowledged the reality of his situation.

"I'm hopeful for the future but accepting what God has in store," the Catholic priest says. "I'm very thankful for this feeling, and I am not afraid to die."

Facing a critical, life-threatening autoimmune liver condition, the 45-year-old Father Wilbur was added to the Yale New Haven Hospital transplant waiting list in March. He is hoping for an immediate living donor.

Because his liver is failing, a transplant is essential. Without this lifesaving procedure, doctors estimate he has one or two years left to live.

"This urgent situation is rapidly deteriorating," says Father Wilbur, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Oxford. "It's going to get worse."

Back in August 2025, he was rushed to the emergency room, vomiting blood. Doctors told him that if he had waited another 48 hours, he wouldn't have survived.

"Right now, they are keeping me stable," Father Wilbur says of his medical team.

To manage his health, the priest undergoes blood transfusions every four to five weeks at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, sometimes requiring unplanned two-week hospital stays.

He notes that his intermittent health struggles present "unpredictable and challenging" obstacles; nevertheless, he maintains a commitment to celebrating Mass and fulfilling his parochial obligations when his condition allows.

Following the news of his illness last year, the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish community rallied behind Father Wilbur, holding a well-attended rosary service and ensuring he is constantly uplifted by requesting Mass intentions for him and providing heartfelt messages of prayer.

Ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Father Wilbur has served at Annunciation Parish in Newington, Our Lady of Knock Parish in Farmington and Unionville, and started his tenure as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in October 2023.

The recently established website [frjoshwilbur.com](http://frjoshwilbur.com) chronicles Father Wilbur's vocational story and features a photo gallery. Additionally, the website offers insights into his medical journey and acts as a guide for potential living donors.

During a living donor transplant, a surgeon takes a portion of a healthy liver and transplants it into a recipient. Almost immediately after surgery, the livers of both the donor and recipient begin growing back to full functioning organs.

Donors must undergo a thorough medical evaluation to ensure it is safe for them to proceed as living donors. A dedicated team of doctors, surgeons and donor advocates supports every step of the process. Donors do not need to be related to the priest to be considered.

Father Wilbur's illness has deepened his own understanding of those facing difficulties. "It's given me a greater sense of empathy for those who are struggling," he adds.

This profound shift has also shaped the priest's personal outlook as well. Echoing Pope St. John Paul II, Father Wilbur is framing his own life as an act of total surrender to God's will.

To contact Father Wilbur, visit [frjoshwilbur.com](http://frjoshwilbur.com). For more information about the Yale New Haven Health Transplant Program, call 866.925.3897 and tell them you are calling about a living liver donation for Father Joshua Wilbur.



Following his ordination in 2018, Father Joshua Wilbur celebrates his first Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Goshen. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



## Upcoming Events



**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 16 @ 9AM - 2PM**  
**SPRING CRAFT FAIR**  
 St. John Bosco Parish, St. Mary  
 Church, Branford

St. John Bosco Women's Group is hosting a Spring Craft Fair. Interested in being a vendor? For more information email: [sjbcraftandtag06405@gmail.com](mailto:sjbcraftandtag06405@gmail.com). All our welcome to join!



**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](mailto: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!



**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](http://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.



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 New England Catholic Biblical School

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\$7,651,349.48 in pledges from 21,198 generous donors



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