



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 14, 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

## **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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[annunciationnewington.com](http://annunciationnewington.com)



The harvest is abundant but  
the laborers are few.

Matthew 9:37



O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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](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 harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38**

**The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focuses on God’s love, mercy, and call to service. The readings show how God chooses His people, saves them, and sends them out to share His message.**

**God’s chosen people:** God tells the Israelites that they are His special people. He reminds them of how He saved them and calls them to follow His ways.

**Salvation through Jesus:** Jesus died for sinners, not for those who were already good. His love brings forgiveness and a new life with God.

**God’s mercy and compassion:** Jesus looks at the crowds and feels deep concern for them. He wants to help them and sends His disciples to do the same.

**Mission of the disciples:** Jesus gives His disciples the power to heal and help others. He wants them to share what they have received.

**Call to service:** Jesus tells His followers to care for people in need. He calls them to serve with love and generosity.

**Obedience to God:** God asks the Israelites to listen to Him and keep His covenant. Following God’s ways brings blessings and a closer relationship with Him.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20, 21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 Mt 6:7-15

Friday 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34 Mt 6:24-34

Sunday Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, June 13th, The Vigil For The Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

H/S 4:00 p.m. Pietro & Peter Jr. Niro, By Their Family

**Sunday, June 14th, The Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

S/M 8:00 a.m. Maria Nucifora, By Her Family  
 H/S 9:15 a.m. Deceased Members of The Pluto & Webster Families, By Lorraine Webster  
 S/M 10:30 a.m. Marie Carducci, By Her Children  
 H/S 12:00 p.m. Marian Carluccio, 1st Anniversary, By Her Family

**Monday, June 15th, Weekday**

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

**Tuesday, June 16th, Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, June 17th, Weekday**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Parishioners at Annunciation Parish

**Thursday, June 18th, Weekday**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Lorraine "Lori" Zydanowicz, By The Annunciation Parish Women's Guild

**Friday, June 19th, Weekday; Saint Romuald, Abbot**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Steven Havelevitch, (Living) Birthday Remembrance, By Therese

**Saturday, June 20th, The Vigil For The Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

H/S 4:00 p.m. Emilio & Anna Gioioso & Family, By Their Daughter

**Sunday, June 21st, The Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

S/M 8:00 a.m. Father's Living and Deceased  
 H/S 9:15 a.m. Father's Living and Deceased  
 S/M 10:30 a.m. Father's Living and Deceased  
 H/S 12:00 p.m. Father's Living and Deceased



**Congratulations To Our Newlyweds**

We joyfully extend our Congratulations to:  
**Luke Daniel Petillo & Teresa Christine Carlson**  
 who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in our Parish.

May the Lord bless their married life with good health, happiness and peace for many years to come.



**In Loving Memory**

**We pray for...**

**Pasquale Arcari  
 Brian Lenz**

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

**Parish Support**

**June 7, 2026**

Weekly	\$11,673
Online Giving	\$4,042
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,715</b>

**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 child who was recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

**Theodore Anthony Bolduc  
 Jackson Vincent Keith  
 John Carl Rogalewski**

**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, **July 5** @ 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**

The last Women's Executive Board meeting of this year was Monday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Enjoy your summer!

**Mission Appeal – June 27–28 Weekend**

We are blessed to welcome Most Rev. Mathew Nellikkunnel CST, Bishop of the Diocese of Gorakhpur, India, who will be with us on the weekend of **June 27–28** to make the Mission Appeal.

The Diocese of Gorakhpur serves a vast mission territory in northern India through pastoral care, education, healthcare, and outreach to the poor and marginalized. Despite many challenges and limited resources, the Diocese continues to bring the love and compassion of Christ to countless people.

We warmly welcome Bishop Mathew and humbly request your generous support and prayers for the mission work of the Diocese of Gorakhpur. Your kindness and generosity will make a meaningful difference in the lives of many families and communities in need.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.



**“Save The Date Tag Sale”**



To all Parishioners. Your assistance is requested. The Annunciation Women's Guild will once again be holding a Tag Sale fundraiser. It will be held on **Saturday September 12th, 2026 with free admission, and paid preview on Friday September 11th.**

As you complete your Spring and Summer household cleaning, we ask you to please consider putting aside clean, working, and useable items and donating them to the tag sale in September.

Clean, working and usable items needed are: small appliances, jewelry, handbags, glassware, china, pottery, small electronics, pots and pans, toys, lamps, suitcases, small furniture or patio items, clean pet items, small sports equipment, small hand tools, knick knacks, and linens and craft items.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED include: Large or heavy furniture, books, CD's, DVD's, videos, records, video equipment, medical equipment, clothing or shoes, infant seats, cribs or high chairs, Christmas trees or lights, televisions, monitors or computer items, plastic food items, mugs and water glasses, pictures or picture frames, large lawn or yard equipment, stuffed toys and unsafe or hazardous items.”**

**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.

**The 19th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference:**

**Saturday, October 10, 2026, 7:30AM - Vigil Mass**

**Location** - Holy Cross Catholic High School, Waterbury, CT  
Adoration, Confession, Speakers, Exhibitors, Lunch, Mass

**Speakers:** Fr. Dan Reehil, Fr. Declan Gibson, Ms. Jeanne Mancini, and Dr. Karlo Broussard

**For more information, please visit:**

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

**or call Bill Mitchell in the evenings: (860) 436-2669**

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# 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 AUGUST 9, 2026**

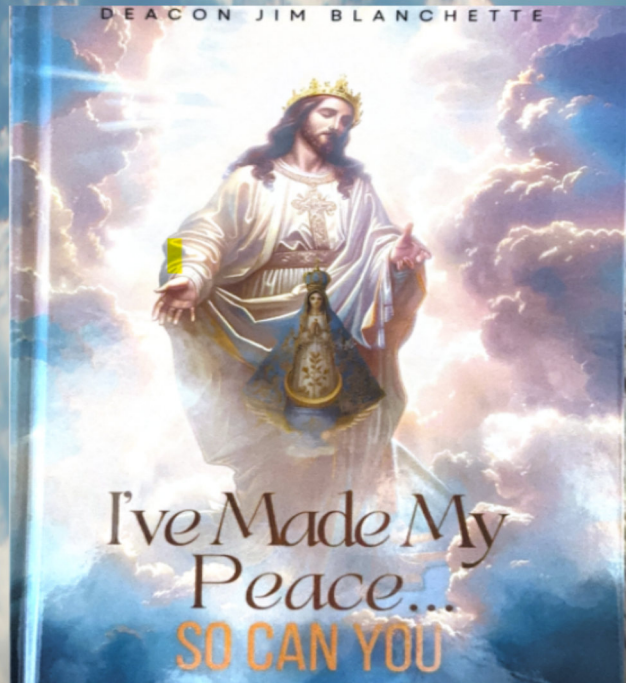
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**FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT LYNN LUTZ AT (860)604-6798 OR LUTZ62511@GMAIL.COM**



# 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.**

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# Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

JUNE 13 - 19, 2026

## Laudato Si' Teachings Take Root at *East Catholic Shoreline Academy*

- Story by Shelley Wolf

In late May, parents and students wandered the halls and gymnasium, perusing colorful student art and exhibits at East Catholic Shoreline Academy in Branford.

In a timely spring activity, they learned how to sprout seedlings for a vegetable garden. And anyone who enjoyed a snack during the evening event was instructed by a group of youngsters in how to recycle or compost their packaging and leftovers.

It was all part of the school's "STREAM Night and Art Show," which showcased, among other initiatives, an ongoing *Laudato Si'* program.

Since 2022, East Catholic Shoreline Academy, or ESCA, has been incorporating Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* teachings into its curriculum in all grades. Students are learning that taking care of God's creation is a moral and spiritual imperative.

"Every year we add something new," says Cheryl Panzo, principal of East Shoreline Catholic Academy, which serves students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. "It's really important for us. We definitely want to keep it going. Saving the Earth is kind of a big deal."

*Laudato Si'* is often celebrated on April 22, Earth Day, or on May 24, the anniversary of the day that Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, was released in 2015. The document urges

everyone to find integrated solutions to address poverty, restore dignity to the excluded, and protect nature, problems that are frequently intertwined.

In 2022, ESCA began its *Laudato Si'* program by planting a schoolwide community garden. "We try to get the whole school involved. The focus is on gardening and sustainability," Panzo explains.

Students planted tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, lettuce, parsley and chives. "Our big goal, should we get there, is to have enough to give to the Branford Community Dining Room," Panzo says, "and to do a farm-to-table fundraiser."

This year, for the first time, a portion of the garden has been taken over by first graders, who planted a "Three-Sisters Garden" of corn, beans and squash.

"The beans use the corn stalks for support, and the squash acts as a fertilizer and keeps the moisture in to help the corn and beans grow," Panzo explains. "This is something Native Americans have been doing in Connecticut long before us."

"There's so much they can learn from this," says Mary Dobson, the first grade teacher, such as how to track the sea-

sons and the weather. "We're also being stewards of God's creation by planting in the soil and seeing how plants grow. And we talk about how when you share your gifts and work together, it's amazing how much you can do."

In 2024, with a grant from the Connecticut Catholic Foundation, the school added a Green Team of fourth and fifth graders to take on special *Laudato Si'* projects.

The Green Team runs an ambitious composting project, using a video and signage to teach other students how to correctly sort lunch items. "Students are learning what can be composted or not, what's recyclable or not, and what's trash," Panzo explains.

In the cafeteria, Green Team members collect unopened food packages to donate to Food Share. Then they guide their fellow students in setting aside food scraps for a composting company, depositing used containers for recycling, and tossing the rest as trash.

Best of all, Blue Earth Compost, a composting company, picks up the scraps and returns them as soil and fertilizer for the community garden.



The Green Team, supervised by Nicole Truhart, instructs students in how to sort their disposable items into the proper recycling, landfill and compost containers.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF



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## Upcoming Events



JUNE 14 @ 9:30AM - 11AM  
**DRIVE THRU FOOD COLLECTION**  
St. Peter Claver Church, West Hartford

Donations will go to the West Hartford Food Pantry, The Catholic Worker, and Hands On Hartford. Suggested items: produce, canned meat, peanut butter, dried beans, rice, pasta/sauce, canned tuna, canned fruit/vegetables.



JUNE 16, 23 @ 9AM - 3PM  
**ARTISTS WITH THE SPIRIT,  
DAYS ON THE LAKE**  
Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat  
Center, Higganum

We offer a quiet, spiritual, and naturally inspiring atmosphere to paint, write, sketch, or craft. Because the retreat center is situated right on the water, it provides the perfect backdrop for the day. Please bring your lunch and art supplies. Coffee, tea and other hot and cold drinks will be provided. Sr. Lany Jo will be available for any help or guidance wanted. A Free Will Offering is asked for this day. Registration is absolutely necessary at [sacredheartonthelake.org](http://sacredheartonthelake.org) or call at 203-606-9102.



JUNE 19 @ 6:30PM  
**CANDLELIGHT MASS EVENT**  
Our Lady of Knock Parish,  
St. Patrick Church, Farmington

Come join the fun and enjoy a beautiful peaceful Candlelight Mass celebrated by Fr. Roberto McCarthy and then afterwards come socialize with other young adults (21+) from surrounding parishes for a fun evening of a cookout and cornhole!



JUNE 26 @ 7PM \$15  
**WORLD CUP WATCH PARTY  
YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS**  
Thomas Hooker Brewery, Bloomfield

Join other young professionals for a fun night of soccer, great food, and community as Uruguay takes on Spain starting at 7pm. Your ticket includes pizza, wings, and pretzels, and the evening will feature a halftime raffle and match prediction game with prizes. \$5 members \$15 non-members.  
**Scan QR code to RSVP.**



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! Visit us on Facebook @StMarysChurchDerbyCt or on our website [www.OLQADerby.org](http://www.OLQADerby.org).

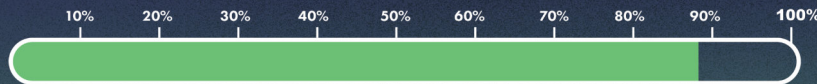


JULY 9 - 11  
**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH  
CARNIVAL**  
St. Anthony Church, Prospect

The St. Anthony Church Carnival brings three exciting nights of food, games, and community spirit from July 9–11. Admission and parking are completely free, with food service featuring daily classics alongside unique nightly Polish, Italian, and Mexican cuisines.  
Thursday, July 9th: 6PM - 10PM  
Friday, July 10th: 6PM - 10PM  
Saturday, July 11th: 3PM - 10PM

## 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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