



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 11, 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

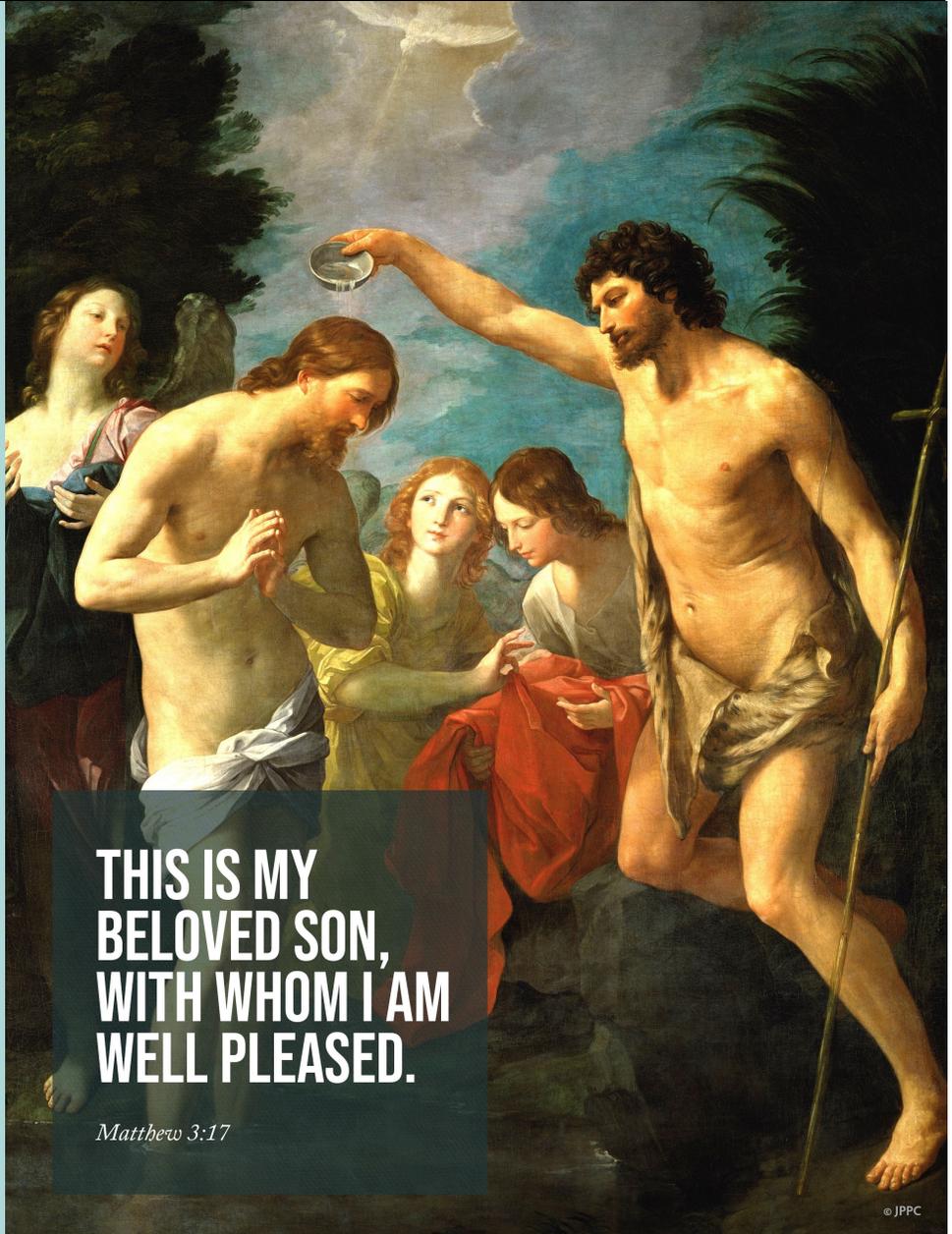
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday
9:00 am, HS

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



**THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM
WELL PLEASED.**

Matthew 3:17

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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.

Parish Priests

Rev. Janusz Kukulka, Pastor

fr.kukulka@aohct.org

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fr.pullikattil@aohct.org

Weekend Associates

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Msgr. James Kinnane

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Sacramental Ministries

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, visit our website:

www.annunciationnewington.com, *scroll down to* Quick Links (*center of Home Page*), *Select* - 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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK – The Baptism Of The Lord

Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 10th, The Vigil For The Baptism Of The Lord,

H/S 4:00 p.m. Marianne Torsiello, By Eileen & Chris Drury

Sunday, January 11th, The Baptism Of The Lord,

S/M 8:00 a.m. No intention

H/S 9:15 a.m. Francis Rooney Jr., By Joan Grayson

S/M 10:30 a.m. Gloria Edgerton, By Virginia Moretti

H/S 12:00 p.m. Ugo DiPillo, By The Oliveira & Balducci Families

Monday, January 12th, Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

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

Tuesday, January 13th, Weekday & Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday, January 14th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Jaclyn Fitzgerald, By A Friend

Thursday, January 15th, Weekday

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

Friday, January 16th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Gabriel Suarez, By Marco Suarez

Saturday, January 17th, The Vigil For The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Virginia Barber, By The Family

Sunday, January 18th, The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Joseph Navallil, 10th Anniversary,
By His Daughter

H/S 9:15 a.m. Lois Wankerl, By Her Husband Frank

S/M 10:30 a.m. Giuseppe Mangiafico, By His Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Brown, 21st Anniversary,
By Her Daughter Beverly & Family



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

David J. Caley

George Fairwood

Lisa Pizzoferatto

Parish Support

December 25, 2025

Christmas \$21,356

Parish Support

December 28, 2025

Weekly \$10,405

Online Giving \$4,192

Total \$14,597

Parish Support

January 4, 2026

Weekly \$10,099

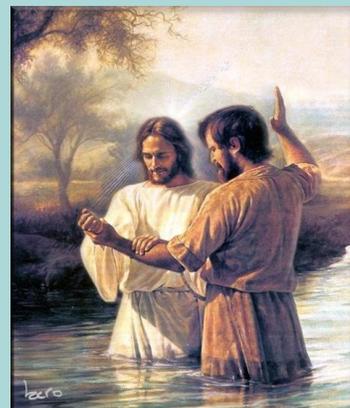
Online Giving \$4,256

Total \$14,355

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm



By assisting devoutly at Mass, we render the sacred humanity of Our Lord the greatest homage. He makes up for many failings and omissions. We should pray like this at the beginning of Mass:
“O Most just God, with contrite heart and steadfast hope, I lay my sins upon this sacred altar, in order that they may be consumed by the flames of Your divine Charity, purged away by the Precious Blood of Jesus, and fully atoned for by His infinite merits. Amen.”

PARISH CALENDAR, JANUARY 11, 2026

The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **January 18th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot.

K of C Food Collection

Sunday, February 2nd @ 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-June**

The Men's Club

...meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month, at **6:00 pm** in St. Mary lower Rectory. Contact: Tom Morris at (860) 666-6331

The Men's Fellowship Group

...meets every **Wednesday** evening from **6:30-8:00 pm @** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Angelo Marchetti at: (860) 202-1612

The Women's Fellowship Group

...meets every Thursday of every from **6:30-8:00 pm** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Kim Marchetti at: (860) 202-0020

The Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will not hold any meetings in January. They will resume in February. All meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Church Hall.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday February 3rd, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall.

The February general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday February 10th, 2026 at 1:00 pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall. Please note the time change for this meeting only. The February program will be: "Fun and Games" with prizes awarded to the winners. All parish women are welcome to join us at this or any other scheduled meeting.



Mass Cancellation Policy During Inclement Weather

Daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. is cancelled whenever the Newington Public School System delays or closes for inclement weather. Sunday Masses (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses) are cancelled whenever the Governor declares a travel ban, prohibiting or restricting the use of vehicles on the road.

This policy will eliminate the need to call the rectory to ask if there is Mass and serve as an easy way to announce our closing. No other announcements will be given except for the policy as stated above. Mass intentions will be satisfied by the priest celebrant at his private Mass in the event that a scheduled public Mass is cancelled.

Thank you for your understanding.



We are actively looking for volunteers to serve as Bereavement Ministers for our funerals at both Holy Spirit & Saint Mary's Church. If this is a ministry that you would be able to contribute your time and talents to, please contact Kim at: 860-666-1591.

Thank you so much!



Scam Emails

Several parishioners have received emails that say they are from the pastor asking for a favor. If you receive one, please know this is a scam and delete the email immediately. Do not open it. The pastor will never text or email you asking for a favor.

We are sorry for this inconvenience.

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After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. *Matthew 3:16*

The Baptism of the Lord Year A reminds us of Jesus' mission and God's saving plan. It shows us how Jesus was chosen and sent to bring light and salvation to all people.

- **Jesus as God's Servant:** Jesus is revealed as the chosen servant, sent to bring justice and peace. The first reading shows God's delight in His servant who brings hope to the nations.
- **The Anointing of Jesus:** Jesus is anointed by the Holy Spirit to carry out His mission. The second reading highlights how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power to heal and bring peace.
- **The Call to Humility:** Jesus' baptism shows His humility as He steps into the water with sinners. The Gospel shows Jesus identifying with those He came to save.
- **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** The Spirit comes upon Jesus to strengthen Him for His mission. The Gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit plays an important role in Jesus' work.
- **The Father's Love and Approval:** God the Father declares His love for His Son. This moment shows Jesus as the beloved Son, fulfilling His mission with the Father's approval.
- **Light for All People:** Jesus is sent to open the eyes of the blind and free the oppressed. The first reading points to His mission to bring light to those in darkness.

The Baptism of the Lord Year A teaches us about Jesus' mission and our call to follow Him. It reminds us of the Father's love, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the hope Jesus brings to all.

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The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or Theophany, is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally, the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. The baptism of Jesus is depicted with images of water and doves descending. If you are considering a renewal or remembrance of baptism, this would be an excellent week to do that. The mood is one of celebration, of thanksgiving that Jesus stood in solidarity with us and received the waters of baptism. We are reminded of his ongoing presence with us as we walk the discipleship path.



ANNUNCIATION PARISH



Office of Vocations & Seminarians

Archdiocese of Hartford

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December 30, 2025

Reverend Janusz Kukulka
Annunciation Parish
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Dear Rev. Kukulka,

On behalf of our seminarians, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to you and your parishioners for your generous donation of gift cards this holiday season. Your kindness and support are a true blessing, and they remind our seminarians that they are surrounded by a faith community that cares deeply for their vocation and journey.

Your contribution not only provides practical assistance but also serves as a powerful sign of encouragement. It helps our seminarians feel connected to the parishes they will one day serve and strengthens their resolve to answer God's call with joy and dedication.

Please know that your parish will be remembered in our prayers throughout this season and beyond. May the Lord bless you and your parishioners abundantly for your generosity and grant you peace and joy in the coming year.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Anthony J. Federico III
Director of Vocations & Seminarians

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

JANUARY 10 - 16, 2026



Gil Thompson, a parishioner of St. John Fisher Roman Catholic Church in Marlborough, hosts the weekly online rosary and reads a scriptural passage before each Hail Mary. SUBMITTED PHOTO

COME, PRAY THE ROSARY ONLINE

St. John Fisher Parish invites the homebound to join in.

Five years ago during the height of the coronavirus, Deacon John McKaig of St. John Fisher Parish in Marlborough was invited to join two parishioners to pray the rosary on a Zoom call.

"I was going through chemo at the time, and my wife Patty and I started joining them the following Monday," he recalls. "Nine months later, my cancer was in remission." Every Monday at 8:30 a.m., the prayer community begun by Jennifer O'Neill and Kurt Filosa gathers online to pray the Scriptural rosary, and that half hour has been a source of solace for people who often can't leave home.

"The big advantage," says Gil Thompson, who hosts the prayer session, "is that if someone is too sick to come to church, they can sit at home with their laptop and pray with us. Some, who have cancer, can turn on their video and not worry about transportation. We could be anywhere in the world and pray together."

His wife Laurie recalls a member of the church who suffered from Lou Gehrig's Disease and was committed to praying with them.

"When he first joined us, you could see the impact it had on him," she says. "He asked to do the responses, and tears would be flowing from his eyes."

The community of 10 people was so committed they would often go to his home to get him up.

"He needed us and we needed him," Laurie says. "It got to the point where he could no longer speak, but two weeks before he passed, his caregiver brought him on." The group prays for many intentions, including those who are sick, new babies, job seekers, graduates and people who have overcome illnesses.

"We pray for everything," Gil says, "including our pastor, Father George Mukuka." Word of the online rosary ministry spread and parishioners often reach out with intentions.

"It's fulfilling to pray for people," Laurie says. "Parishioners who are ill are happy when they hear they're in our prayers. And whether they're here or not, they know we're praying for them."

"We're starting our week with prayer and thinking about people who are less fortunate because of health issues or whatever," Gil says, "And we think about them for the rest of the week."

During the rosary, Gil reads the Scriptural verse for each Hail Mary, while Laurie prays the response and others recite it at home.

"This method of praying the rosary keeps my mind focused on the Scripture reflections that the leader reads before each Hail Mary," Deacon McKaig says. The beauty of the rosary, he says, is that it offers Catholics a way to meditate on the life of Jesus and the Blessed Mother, starting with the Annunciation when Mary said "yes" to God's invitation, and culminating in Jesus' Ascension and her Assumption.

"When we join others in this spiritual practice, it's a powerful way to live out our baptismal promises by living the Greatest Commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind and the Second Commandment, which is like it, to love our neighbor as ourselves," Deacon McKaig says. "This lets us always remember it's not about me. It's not about you. It's all about what we can do for someone else."

To join the rosary prayer group on Mondays at 8:30 a.m., go to St. John Fisher's website, stjfishurch.org, and click on the "Ministries" tile and then the link for "Online Rosary."

- Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events



Archdiocese of Hartford *Wedding Anniversary Mass*

The Archdiocese of Hartford is celebrating its' annual Wedding Anniversary Mass in conjunction with the observance of **National Marriage Week** (February 7 – 14, 2026) an international event seeking to strengthen marriages in communities and influence the current culture.

National Marriage Week is an opportunity for the Catholic Church to focus on and celebrate the vocation to marriage and family life. It is an opportunity for the Catholic faithful to renew and deepen the lived experience of the Sacrament of Marriage – and bear witness to God’s call to love.

On **Saturday, February 7, 2026**, The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, will be honoring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: first and five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years during 2025 – 2026. *The Marriage Anniversary Mass* will be at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford at 4:00 p.m. **Registration closes January 21.** (Snow date if necessary - February 28)



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD
Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

Scan the QR code to register:



A Retreat for College Students

Navigating the New Year

Mercy by the Sea Retreat Center, Madison, CT

January 10-12, 2026

Saturday 4:00 PM – Monday 10:00 AM

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER VISIT:

MERCYBYTHESEA.ORG

a retreat to ground yourself for the year ahead

Pilgrims of Hope

Men's Retreat
January 16-18, 2026
Holy Family Retreat Team

We invite you to join us this year at Holy Family as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary of retreat ministry. Together, as part of God’s beloved creation, we can find that blessed goal, life with God as beloved companions and pilgrims of hope.

Each of our themed retreats begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 a.m. followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch at no extra charge.

Offering: \$375; more if you can, less if you can't.
Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org to register or learn more

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT

Upcoming Events

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETROUVAILLE
 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
JANUARY MARRIAGE WORKSHOP
January 30 – February 1, 2026
Windsor, CT



If your marriage has become distant, troubled, unloving or uncaring; if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love.

helpourmarriage.org
 (860) 837-0447

***The Vocation of Caregiving:
 The Challenge of Presence***



Day Retreat for Caregivers
 Saturday, January 31, 2026
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

During this day of retreat, we will explore the Caregiving Journey, the choices we make and the personal costs to us. We will discuss The Good Samaritan, the daughter of Jairus, and Mary and Martha, all as models of caregivers. We will include time for discussion, quiet reflection, the opportunity for conversation with trained counselors, and sharing with one another.

Offering: \$75, includes lunch
Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org to register or learn more

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT

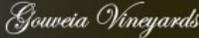
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