



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 18, 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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Behold the Lamb of God



Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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, *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 Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12

Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, January 19th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Celia Chacko (Living) Birthday Remembrance,
By Her Parents

Tuesday, January 20th, Weekday & Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr;

Saint Sebastian, Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Robert Romano , By His Wife

Wednesday, January 21st, Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

H/S 9:00 a.m. Colette Bernard, By The Family

Thursday, January 22nd, Weekday

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

Friday, January 23rd, Weekday & Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr;

Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

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

Saturday, January 24th, The Vigil For The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Mark S. Raynock & His Parents, By His Family

Sunday, January 25th, The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Walter Zdeb, Birthday Remembrance,
By His Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. Sally Benson, Birthday Remembrance,
By Her Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Marianne O'Brien, 1st Anniversary,
By The Priests & Staff of Annunciation Parish

H/S 12:00 p.m. David Turgeon, By His Grandmother



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

Linda Dubois

Jodie Jaffe

Henry Sardilli

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

Parish Support

January 11, 2026

Weekly \$11,643

Online Giving \$4,359

Total \$16,002

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



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 18, 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 1st @ 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.



Are you wondering if your child is on track academically?

You are not alone. Perhaps you'd like to consider some other educational options. Corpus Christi School of Wethersfield, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host a **Winter Open House on Sunday, January 25th from 12:00 – 1:30 P.M.** at: Corpus Christi School, 581 Silas Deane Highway. Corpus Christi students benefit from a structured environment, smaller class sizes and personalized instruction.

Imagine how your child could soar!!

Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses PreK-8th grade.

To register, please visit our website:

<https://corpuschristischoolct.org/>

or call 860-529-5487.

During the months of January - March 2026 the West Hartford United Methodist Church is holding a FOOD DRIVE to support our local Food Pantry.

Please drop off your non-perishable, unexpired/unopened donations, 24/7/365, in the bin by the front door of the church.

Popular items are spaghetti, pasta sauce, soups, peanut butter, (16-18 oz jars,) jelly, canned fruit, applesauce, rice, (1-2lb packages,) cereal, shelf stable milk, crackers, juice, and canned veggies.

Additionally, we're collecting NEW SOCKS, especially men's to support a local shelter.

The West Hartford United Methodist Church
1358 New Britain Ave, corner of Berkshire Rd.
Exit 40 off I-84

1 Block East of Westfarms Mall and Corbin's Corner.



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“On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.”

John 1:33

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focuses on Jesus as the Lamb of God and the mission to spread God’s salvation. The readings show God’s call, the role of Jesus, and how people respond to him.

- **Jesus as the Lamb of God:** John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God. This shows Jesus as the one who takes away sin and brings people back to God.
- **God’s Call to Serve:** God calls Israel to bring back the people and be a light to all nations. This reminds believers that God calls them to share his message with others.
- **Salvation for All:** God’s plan is not just for one group but for the whole world. Jesus brings salvation to everyone, not just to Israel.
- **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** John the Baptist sees the Spirit come down on Jesus. This confirms Jesus as the chosen one of God.
- **Grace and Peace from God:** Paul greets the church with a blessing of grace and peace. This reminds believers that God offers his help and peace to all who follow him.
- **Witnessing to Jesus:** John the Baptist tells others about Jesus. This shows the importance of sharing faith and pointing others to Jesus.

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlights Jesus’ mission and how people respond to him. The readings remind believers that they are called to follow Jesus and share his message with others.

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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.

***We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. Thank you!**

2025 Annual Collection	
Campaign Statistics as of 1/7/2026	
Total # of Households:	2,756
Total # Pledged:	438
% of Participation:	15.89%
Total Amount Pledged	\$109,066.99
Total Amount Paid:	\$107,576.99
Average Pledge:	\$249.01
% of Pledges Collected:	98.63%

We are actively looking for volunteers to serve as Bereavement Ministers for our funerals at both Holy Spirt & 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!



Open House

St. Lucian's Residence, a senior residential living facility located at 532 Burrirt St. in New Britain, is hosting an Open House on Saturday, **January 31, 2026**, between **10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.** We are a Catholic institution caring for the elderly, striving to bring the loving presence of Christ to the aging and the suffering. Prospective residents need to be at least 55 years old.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

JANUARY 17 - 23, 2026



Some members of the Catholic book club at Holy Infant Parish in Orange gather at the church for their bimonthly discussion. PHOTO BY JOE PISANI

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB EXPLORES THE CATHOLIC FAITH

When Margaret Siena was in third grade, one of her favorite books was an illustrated Little Book of Saints for children, with stories about young women like St. Agnes and St. Cecilia.

"I could read it again and again and again," she recalls. "It was entertaining and informative and spiritual."

Now, as president of the Women's Guild of Holy Infant Parish in Orange and coordinator of its recently formed Catholic book club, she uses those same criteria in her search for reading material that will inspire the group spiritually, entertain them and inform them.

Since it began last year, participants have read several books, including *The Story of a Soul*, St. Thérèse of Lisieux's autobiography; *Up from Dust*, historical fiction about St. Martha of Bethany, sister of Mary and Lazarus; and *Hills of Moab*, a novel based on the Old Testament Book of Ruth, about a Moabite woman who married an Israelite and became an ancestor of King David. "The goal of the Women's Guild book club is to offer enjoyable, inspirational reading while deepening our faith," Siena says. "Its focus is on woman saints, women of the Bible and Catholic women authors."

The bimonthly discussions are led by Donna DiMassa of St. Raphael Parish in Milford, who also leads a mystery book club at Case Memorial Library in Orange.

DiMassa began a recent meeting with a prayer she wrote that invokes the Holy Spirit: "Holy Spirit, we pray that through this newly formed Women's Guild book club, we come to know and understand you better and that we learn better how to serve you in our day-to-day lives. When we are reading the selections, help us to see the work through your divine lens so that we glean the lessons that you want to teach us. Lastly, when we are discussing the selections, let us learn at least one thing that will help us love you better and bring us ever closer to you."

Siena, who has been president of the Guild for more than a year, is committed to sponsoring activities that engage members in small groups. A lifelong reader, she searches for books that will be compelling to the women. Her research entails perusing reviews, looking at lists of popular books and talking to avid readers. "I find myself spending a lot of time searching for the right book," she says. "Not just the right book, but the right book from a Catholic perspective that will appeal to women."

She also believes that historical fiction based on Bible stories will offer an entertaining introduction that can entice readers to further biblical study. The discussions have been enjoyable for the women, who can relate to the experiences of characters like Ruth and St. Martha of Bethany.

Siena has always enjoyed historical fiction, especially stories about the role of women during World War II, and works of history that are accessible to a general reading public and not entirely academic. "I have a curiosity about a lot of things, and I like to read because I can get into the characters," she says.

Father Norman Brockett, pastor, praises the initiative. "It provides a great opportunity for women to develop spiritually, while engaging in discussions about issues that are timeless and also relevant to them," he says.

Most of all, Siena wants the club to be enjoyable and not have the members feel as if they are reading for a class assignment. "We're not theologians," she adds. "I just want the women to appreciate the beauty of the Catholic faith."

-Story by Joe Pisani



Upcoming Events

YCP
CENTRAL CT

“IS THERE ROOM FOR GOD AT WORK?”

FAITH AT WORK WHEN SILENCE FEELS SAFER

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-39)
RSVP HERE!

FRI. JAN 30 @7PM
ST. THOMAS MORE CHAPEL
@ YALE UNIVERSITY
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JOSEPH MCINERNEY
VICE PRESIDENT OF LEADER DEVELOPMENT:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WELCOMING ALL YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS

Candlelight Mass followed by Pasta Dinner & Line Dancing

Come socialize with other young adults (age 21+) from surrounding parishes for a fun evening!

Friday January, 23rd

Mass at 6:30 P.M.
St. Patrick Church
110 Main St. Farmington, CT

Archdiocese of Hartford

Wedding Anniversary Mass

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)

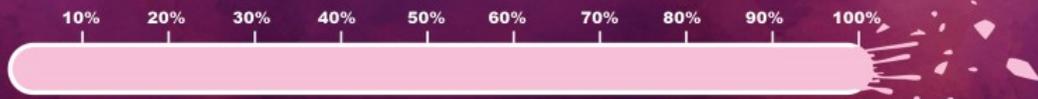
Questions? Contact Valerie St. Jean, Associate Director of Adult & Family Life Ministries at Valerie.StJean@aohct.org or 860-541-6491 ext. 2678.



UPDATED LINK

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Through your generosity, we surpassed **\$10.1 million in donations. THANK YOU!**



Goal: \$10M Pledges: \$10.1M

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Through Video or Audio

Recording a Nod is as easy as taking a selfie! Visit our website to record a thank you (audio or video), highlighting a priest who has helped you or a loved-one in a specific way.



Through Art

As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words! Upload a drawing or piece of original art through our website, highlighting a priest who has helped you or a loved one in a specific way.



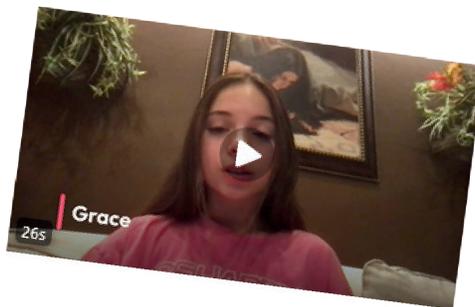
Through Words

Submitting a written Nod through our website couldn't be simpler. Compose a short thank you highlighting a priest who has helped you or a loved-one in a specific way, press the submit button and you're done!

WHO IS NOD TO THE COLLAR?

We are lay Catholics without an agenda. Our sole purpose is to create a loving space where we can share our stories and show appreciation to the incredible priests who tirelessly serve.

 www.nodtothecollar.com



I wanna give a nod to **Father Michael** because he did my first communion. This meant a lot to me because of how he helped me a lot with my faith.



Thank you, **Father Tom**, for the thoughtful spiritual direction when I shared an ethical issue that was confronting me in my workplace. Your attentiveness, time and availability during a time when I was confused helped bring me back to the grounding of my faith and how to live it in a challenging job environment.

Francis



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