



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 4, 2026

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
9:00am - 2:00pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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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

Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

MATTHEW 2:2



May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. 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 Epiphany Of The Lord

Monday 1 Jn 3:22; 4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19; 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 3:22-30

Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3rd, The Vigil For The Epiphany Of The Lord

H/S 4:00 p.m. Jerry Griffin, By A Friend

Sunday, January 4th, The Epiphany Of The Lord

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

H/S 9:15 a.m. Fr. Joshua Wilbur, By The Annunciation Parish
Women's Guild

S/M 10:30 a.m. Gloria Edgerton, By The Annunciation Parish
Women's Guild

H/S 12:00 p.m. David Turgeon, Birthday Remembrance,
By His Family

Monday, January 5th, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

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

Tuesday, January 6th, Christmas Weekday; Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

H/S 9:00 a.m. Gloria Edgerton, By Dolores Callegher

Wednesday, January 7th, Christmas Weekday; Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

H/S 9:00 a.m. Richard Karle & Teddy Pajor,
By His Children & Stephanie Marcaccio & Family

Thursday, January 8th, Christmas Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Beverly J. Bajek, By The Annunciation Parish
Women's Guild

Friday, January 9th, Christmas Weekday

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

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



In Loving Memory

We pray for...

David J. Caley

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

Parish Support

December 21, 2025

Weekly \$13,141

Online Giving \$7,235

Total \$20,376



Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings



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 4, 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, January 4th @ 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 serves 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.



The Knights Sandwich Ministry Thank You

Thanks to everyone who came out on a windy chilly December Sunday to drop-off sandwiches. We collected approximately 520 sandwiches and many bags of pretzels, cookies, chips and snacks for South Park Inn and Saint Elizabeth Shelter in Hartford. These Shelters assist over 200 individuals daily and use these sandwiches for lunches, late-meals, walk-in's and outreach programs. Our collections are on the third Sunday of the month. Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, January 18th @ 4:30 in the Saint Mary School parking lot. Thank you for living your faith by helping others! The next sandwich collection is: **Sunday, January 18th @ 4:30 in the Saint Mary School parking lot.** Thank you for living your faith by helping others!

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.

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For Year A, the Epiphany readings focus on the Magi's journey, highlighting Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and Savior for all nations, as prophesied in Isaiah and seen through the star guiding the wise men.

- **Jesus as Light:** Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. He guides all people to God.
- **Universal Mission:** Jesus came for all nations and people. His salvation is not limited to one group.
- **Fulfillment of Prophecy:** Isaiah's prophecy about light and gifts is fulfilled in Jesus. The gifts of the Magi show this connection.
- **Humility and Kingship:** Jesus is a humble king. He shows true power through love and gentleness.
- **Inclusiveness:** Paul teaches that both Jews and Gentiles share in Jesus' promises. The Epiphany shows that everyone is included in God's plan.
- **Guidance of the Star:** The star leads the Magi to Jesus. This shows God's guidance to all who seek Him.
- **Gift-Giving:** The Magi bring gifts to honor Jesus. This shows recognition of His kingship and divinity.
- **Contrast with Herod:** Herod's fear and violence contrast with Jesus' humble birth. This shows the difference between earthly and heavenly kingship.

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In search of the perfect way to begin the New Year? *Try a retreat!*

Couples Retreat - Pilgrims of Hope

February 13-15, 2026

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - West Hartford, CT

Explore our theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, together. Holy Family's annual Couples' Retreat includes our Gourmet Valentine's dinner and offers an opportunity to step back from the chaos of everyday life and grow in love, with God and with one another.

For more information or to register for retreat visit holymfamilyretreat.org/calendar/couples or call our registrar Ted at 860.760.9705.

Faith is a journey! We can never know exactly where it will take us, but we are intentional about the trek, and we have hope that it will lead us to something good.

Last year, just months before his passing, Pope Francis called for a jubilee year, and he announced the theme would be "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Holy Father stated: "Faith is a pilgrimage, and we on this Earth are pilgrims, not tourists or wanderers: we are pilgrims!"

During our weekend retreat, we will explore the many dimensions of hope, which is a theological virtue given to us as a gift from God. While hope can be difficult to explain, we know when we have it, and we never want to lose it! We will explore hope in the context of a journey – a sacred pilgrimage with God.

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.

