



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 12, 2026

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday:  
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## **CHURCH OF ST. MARY**

626 Willard Avenue  
Newington, CT. 06111

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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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But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears  
the word and understands it, who indeed bears  
fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

*Matthew 13:23*

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O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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,- 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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**“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” Matthew 13:23**

**The readings for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focus on God’s word and how people receive it. They remind us that God’s message is meant to bring life, but it requires open hearts to grow.**

**Power of God’s Word:** God’s word is like rain that nourishes the earth. It always fulfills its purpose, just as the first reading says.

**Fertile Hearts and Faith:** The parable of the sower shows that people respond to God in different ways. A heart that is open and willing to listen will grow in faith.

**Challenges to Faith:** Some people struggle to hold on to God’s message. Distractions, worries, and hardships can keep faith from growing.

**Hope in Future Glory:** The second reading reminds us that present struggles are small compared to the joy that will come. This hope helps believers stay strong.

**God’s Generosity in Creation:** The psalm describes the beauty and richness of the earth. It reflects how God provides and blesses those who trust in Him.

**Call to Listen and Understand:** Jesus explains that not everyone truly listens to God’s word. Understanding takes effort and a desire to grow.

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**Go and  
tell my people**



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

Monday Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 Mt 11:28-30

Friday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21

Sunday Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 11th, The Vigil For The Fifteenth Sunday

#### In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Ruth & John Porter, By The Taylor Family

### Sunday, July 12th, The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Carol Depinto, By Her Friends

H/S 9:15 a.m. Hoi Tran, By Her Granddaughter

S/M 10:30 a.m. Giovanni Carducci, By His Wife & Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. Rocco Ambruso, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,  
By His Wife & Family

### Monday, July 13th, Weekday; Saint Henry

H/S 9:00 a.m. Lourdes Pastor, By The Pastor Family

### Tuesday, July 14th, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

H/S 9:00 a.m. Healing for Father Josh Wilbur &  
Deacon Jim Blanchette, By A Parishioner

### Wednesday, July 15th, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

H/S 9:00 a.m. Healing for Father Josh Wilbur &  
Deacon Jim Blanchette, By A Parishioner

### Thursday, July 16th, Weekday; Our Lady of Mount Carmel

H/S 9:00 a.m. Tina Germano, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary,  
& The Giliberto Family, By The Family

### Friday, July 17th, Weekday

H/S 9:00 a.m. Francis Ray Paradise,  
By The Paradise Children

### Saturday, July 18th, The Vigil For The Sixteenth Sunday

#### In Ordinary Time

H/S 4:00 p.m. Joan & Tony Papa, By Their Son

### Sunday, July 19th, The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

S/M 8:00 a.m. Lorraine Zydanowicz,

By Marie Aschenbrenner

H/S 9:15 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Gaetano Rispoli & Gabriel,  
By The Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Christopher Falkner, By His Family

H/S 12:00 p.m. George, Patricia & Vito Kupstas,  
By Jovi



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."**

## In Loving Memory

### We pray for...

**Anna Calafiore**

**Anthony Schena**

**Shirley Wilson**

And for the consolation of  
their family & friends.

Eternal rest grant unto  
them, O Lord; let your light  
shine upon them

## Parish Support

### June 28, 2026

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Weekly        | \$9,485  |
| Online Giving | \$3,316  |
| Total         | \$12,801 |

## Parish Support

### July 5, 2026

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Weekly        | \$11,967 |
| Online Giving | \$4,532  |
| Total         | \$16,499 |

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary

**The Knights Sandwich Ministry**

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday,  
**July 19th at 4:30** in the  
St. Mary School Parking lot.

**K of C Food Collection**

Sunday, **August 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 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



Please welcome into our parish family, the  
following child who was recently baptized at  
Annunciation Parish:

**Joseph Mario Klepacki**

**A Note of Gratitude**

Dear Fr. Janusz, Fr. Joe, and Dear Parishioners,  
I extend my heartfelt thanks for your warm  
welcome, gracious hospitality, and generous  
support during my recent Mission Appeal visit.

I am deeply grateful for your generous  
contribution of **\$6,700** to the Diocese of  
Gorakhpur. Your kindness will help us continue  
our mission of serving the poor and marginalized  
through pastoral care, education, healthcare,  
and social outreach.

On behalf of the priests, religious, and faithful  
of the Diocese of Gorakhpur, thank you for  
your generosity and prayers. May God bless  
Fr. Janusz, Fr. Joe, and each of you abundantly  
for your loving support of our mission.

With gratitude and prayers,

**Most Rev. Mathew Nellikunnel, CST**  
Bishop of the Diocese of Gorakhpur, India

**"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 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**

**Monthly Sandwich Ministry**

**Our collections are on the third Sunday of**  
**the month @ 4:30 in the Saint Mary School**  
**parking lot. Can you make ten simple**  
**sandwiches to help the Hartford Shelters?**  
**If you would like to, please contact Bill**  
**Mitchell at: [wmitchell1927@gmail.com](mailto:wmitchell1927@gmail.com)**  
**or call in the evenings at (860) 436-2669**



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## Eucharistic Ministers Appreciation Gathering

Our parish is deeply grateful to the dedicated Eucharistic Ministers who faithfully assist in distributing Holy Communion at the St. Mary's and Holy Spirit campuses of Annunciation Parish.

To express our appreciation for their generous ministry, an appreciation gathering was held in the Holy Spirit Church Hall. In addition to serving during the celebration of the Eucharist, our Eucharistic Ministers bring the Blessed Sacrament to parishioners in nursing homes and to those who are homebound, allowing them to remain spiritually connected to our parish community.

If you feel called to serve in this beautiful ministry, we warmly invite you to join us. Please email Fr. Joe at [fr.pullikattil@aohct.org](mailto:fr.pullikattil@aohct.org) for more information.

We are grateful to **Sue Smola**, who coordinates the Eucharistic Ministers' schedule at St. Mary's, and **Max Turgeon**, who coordinates the schedule at Holy Spirit.

Following the gathering, the Eucharistic Ministers posed for a group photo. Photo credit: Maria Rosado.





*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**





# **Birthright**

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**HELP A MOTHER GIVE BIRTH TO HER BABY!**  
Opportunities include friendship counseling and clerical and clothing work. Training is provided.

## Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

JULY 11 - 17, 2026

### Treasures of Our Faith: *The Reliquary at St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol*

- Story by Jim Tierney

**A** renewed devotion to the saints has brought new life to a historic collection of relics at St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol. Inspired by a powerful experience at the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024, parishioners rediscovered relics that had rested for decades and created a new reliquary display to share them with the faithful.

In July 2024, several parishioners of St. Stanislaus Parish attended the National Eucharistic Congress, where one of the most popular attractions was a large relic display. Visitors often waited hours before the exhibit even opened, and once it did, steady lines formed throughout the day as people came to venerate and pray at the site of the relics. The experience revealed a deep spiritual hunger to encounter these tangible connections to the saints.

When the group returned to Bristol and suggested obtaining a relic for the parish, then-Pastor Tomasz Szuber shared unexpected news: the parish already possessed a collection of relics that had been stored in the rectory for many years. But significant work remained to prepare the relics for public veneration.

Many of the reliquaries had dulled or tarnished over time, and some had become slightly warped. In fall 2024, the parish formed a committee to plan the project, raise awareness and develop educational materials around an initiative called, "Treasures of Our Faith."

The restoration effort brought together local craftsmen to restore the reliquary and modify an antique cabinet to house the collection. Their work not only preserved the beauty of the reliquary, but highlighted the care the Church takes in safeguarding these sacred objects.

The Catholic Church has long maintained strict processes to ensure the authenticity of relics, according to parishioner Michelle Fox, a former medieval historian who assisted with the relic project.

Each relic is typically enclosed in a small metal container called a theca with glass on one side, Fox notes. Inside is a Latin identification label known as a cédula. The relic and label are sealed with red silk thread and an ecclesiastical wax seal, preventing tampering and confirming that the relic has remained unopened since authentication. Many relics are also accompanied by a certificate of authenticity, or authentica, issued by a bishop or the Vatican.

These safeguards developed over centuries help to prevent fraud and protect the sacred character of relics. The Catholic understanding of relics, Fox says, can be compared to family photos or memorials: they are physi-

cal objects that connect to the memory and sacrifice of a real person.

"Although relics have sometimes been associated with conversion and miracles, Catholics do not believe they possess magical powers," Fox says, pointing out a distinction between praying with relics and Eucharistic Adoration and worshipping the Real Presence. "Catholics are not worshipping the physical object, nor the saint from whom it came," she adds. "Worship is reserved for God alone and any miracle that may occur when praying with a relic comes from God working through them."

Last year, the restored reliquary was unveiled on All Saints' Day. Leading up to the feast day, the parish offered bulletin articles, homilies and a half-day educational seminar exploring the biblical origins of relic veneration, the lives of the saints and the proper way to venerate relics. The celebration concluded with a procession of the relics at the opening of the Vigil Mass.

The reliquary is available for private prayer whenever the church is open. Parish officials plan to revive the tradition of displaying individual relics on the feast days of their saints.



Michelle Fox holds a book which identifies relics in a case inside St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Bristol. She helped to restore a collection of relics and reliquaries that had been in a closet for several years. PHOTO BY KAREN A. AVITABILE



## Upcoming Events



JUNE 4 - AUGUST 27 @ 6 - 8PM  
**SUMMER ALPHA YOUNG  
ADULT GROUP**  
St. Margaret Mary Church,  
Rectory Basement, South Windsor

Welcome to all people ages 18 to 39 years old. Join us for food, friendship, faith, and fun, every Thursday throughout the summer! Every week we share pizza, watch faith-based videos, and participate in small group discussions. If you have any questions, text 860-816-6149. Our welcoming group would love to have you join us!



JULY 16 - 19  
**88TH ITALIAN FESTIVAL**  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church,  
Waterbury

Join us for our 88th Annual Italian Festival in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel! Delicious Italian food and entertainment. All are welcome!  
Thursday, July 16th — 5 - 10PM  
(Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel)  
Friday, July 17th — 5 - 10PM  
Saturday, July 18th — 2 - 10PM  
Sunday, July 19th — 11AM Mass with Procession, 1 - 8PM.



JULY 18 @ 5PM \$20  
**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS FAMOUS BBQ**  
St. Joseph Church Grounds, Canaan

Join us for St. Martin of Tours Famous Chicken BBQ, with Potato, Coleslaw, Corn on the Cob, Bread, Beverage and Ice Cream Cups! Our Event is on Saturday, July 18th from 5PM until sold out! Price is \$20 Adults - \$10 Children. Drawing for Great Raffle Prizes will be in the evening.



JULY 24 - 26 @ 7PM  
**TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF GOOD  
SAINT ANN**  
Blessed Michael McGivney Parish,  
St. Michael Church, New Haven

The Saint Ann Society would like to invite you to the annual Triduum in honor of good Saint Ann. The dates of the Triduum will be July 24th, 25th, and 26th (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) at 7:00pm. The Triduum begins with two nights of rosary and prayers invoking the intercession of Saint Ann. The third and concluding night is a Mass with a reception afterward. Please extend this invitation to anyone whom you feel may benefit from this experience or just wants to join us. Also, we are always actively looking for women who may want to become new members of the St. Ann Society.



JULY 29 @ 5:30PM  
**HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE  
END OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  
All Saints - Todos Los Santos Parish,  
The Shrine of St. Anne, Waterbury

Human trafficking is a grave offense against the God-given dignity of every person. An estimated 27 million women, men, and children worldwide are exploited through sex and labor trafficking.

The Human Trafficking Task Force of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to a bilingual Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for victims and survivors of human trafficking, and for an end to this exploitation. This service, to be held on the eve of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, will be in English and Spanish.

Following the Holy Hour, attendees are welcome to stay for the Parish's daily Mass at 6:30 P.M. or to speak with Task Force members about ways to support awareness, prevention, and survivor assistance through this important ministry.

## 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%



Total Goal: \$10M 93.08% as of 6/30/26

\$9,307,898.50 in pledges from 25,648 generous donors

\* This figure does not include bequests given to  
the Archbishop's Annual Appeal



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