



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 5, 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

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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

Visit us on the web @  
[annunciationnewington.com](http://annunciationnewington.com)



Come to me, all you who  
labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28



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O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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.

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

**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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**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”  
Matthew 11:28**

**The readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A show God’s kindness and mercy. They remind us that Jesus brings peace and calls us to trust in him.**

**Humility of Christ:** Jesus comes as a humble king, not with power and force, but with gentleness. He invites people to follow him, not through strength, but through trust and love.

**God Gives Peace:** The readings speak of a king who brings peace to all people. Jesus offers rest to those who are tired and struggling.

**Trust in God:** Jesus says that God reveals truth to those who are humble and open. This shows that faith is not about knowing everything, but about trusting God.

**Life Through the Spirit:** Those who follow the Spirit will have real life. The readings remind us to leave behind sin and live in God’s way.

**God Helps the Weak:** The psalm tells us that God lifts up those who fall. Jesus also calls those who are burdened to come to him for rest.

**Jesus’ Gentle Way:** Jesus does not make life harder for people. He offers a way that brings peace and rest to the soul.

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

Monday Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 10:1-7

Thursday Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15

Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33

Sunday Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 4th, The Vigil For The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

H/S 4:00 p.m. Alicia Wakefield, By Her Daughter

**Sunday, July 5th, The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

S/M 8:00 a.m. Angelina & Rocco Calabrese,  
By Their Family

H/S 9:15 a.m. M/M John Morreale & Jean,  
By Their Family

S/M 10:30 a.m. Monsignor Walter Piatek,  
By His Sister & Family

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

**Monday, July 6th, Weekday; Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Remy Martula & Wladyslaw Nega  
By Their Family

**Tuesday, July 7th, Weekday**

H/S 9:00 a.m. All Souls In Purgatory, By Anna

**Wednesday, July 8th, Weekday**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Angelina Zacharias,  
By The Zacharias Family

**Thursday, July 9th, Weekday; Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Thomas Rasimas, By His Family

**Friday, July 10th, Weekday**

H/S 9:00 a.m. Ronald Couto, By The Family

**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



**Prayer Intentions**

We have noticed that written prayer requests and intentions are being placed in different areas of the church. To help keep them together, a basket has been placed near the altar by the open Bible. Please place your written prayer intentions in this basket. Thank you.



**In Loving Memory**  
**We pray for...**

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

**Parish Support**  
**June 21, 2026**

Weekly	\$11,277
Online Giving	\$3,158
Total	\$14,435

Amounts will be posted in the next bulletin for the **June 28<sup>th</sup> collection** due to publisher deadlines. We are grateful to all who continue to support Annunciation Parish by your prayers and financial contributions.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Holy Spirit Church**

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

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



**The Knights Sandwich Ministry**

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday,  
**July 19 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

**What God Gives Can Never Be Taken Away**

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights--among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

These beautiful words from the Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, set the framework for every American founder and provided a foundation for the forming of the United States. These unalienable rights, which flowed from the Creator have a stunning implication, namely that they could not be taken away from by civil government. May we remember and celebrate these God-given rights this July 4<sup>th</sup>. May we all celebrate our independence by reaffirming our dependence on God and proclaim together again that we hold these truths! Happy Fourth!

**"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 Knights Sandwich Ministry - Thank You**

Thank you everyone for your generosity! In June we collected approximately 480 sandwiches, including a very generous donation from the Men's Fellowship Group, and many bags of snacks for Shelters in Hartford. The Shelters assist over 200 individuals daily, and are very grateful for our donations. The sandwiches are used for lunches, late-meals, walk-in's and outreach programs. This month all sandwich makers were treated to an ice cream sandwich from a local ice cream truck! Our collections are on the third Sunday of the month.

**Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, July 19th @ 4:30 in the Saint Mary School parking lot. Thank you for living your faith by helping others!**



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# WOMEN'S Fellowship

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."  
— Hebrews 10:24

**GROW IN FAITH** | **BUILD FRIENDSHIPS** | **WALK WITH GOD**

**EVERY THURSDAY** | **6:30–7:30 P.M.** | **HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH HALL**

*All women, all ages, all welcome!*

**QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER:**  
Contact Kimberly Marchetti  
kim@annunciationnewington.com | 860-202-0020  
(Please include: name, address, phone & email)

**Walk-ins ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

Join us for scripture, conversation, and community as we grow spiritually and support one another in our daily lives.

**Welcome women of all ages!**

**Our group focuses on our walk with God in our daily lives through scripture, fostering spiritual growth, building lasting friendships and trust. Our mission is to continue to provide a safe place where women are encouraged to connect, serve, and develop their faith through shared experiences and activities. We just celebrated our one year anniversary and look forward to making more beautiful memories and friendships.**





# **Birthright**

**BIRTHRIGHT of Greater Hartford THANKS YOU for a great response to the Baby Bottle Fundraiser!**

**Birthright has served pregnant women in crisis in the Hartford area since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! We are very grateful for your support. It makes this life saving work possible. Birthright is staffed by volunteers who offer friendship and care.**

**In 2024, 201 women called who were either pregnant or thought they might be. Of those who were pregnant that we worked with, 8 in 10 gave birth to their children. 91 babies were born.**



*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**



# Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

JULY 4 - 10, 2026

## New Trees Transform Hartford Parish into Peaceful Community Gathering Space

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

St. Justin-St. Michael Parish in Hartford recently beautified its grounds by planting some 25 trees. The enhanced landscape now invites the community to linger, offering a peaceful setting for passersby to rest on the grass or connect with loved ones and friends.

The new trees planted on the church and rectory grounds, at 230 Blue Hills Ave., were a donation through Trees for Hartford program offered in the city of Hartford to property owners in several neighborhoods including Blue Hills, Northeast, Upper Albany, Asylum Hill, Clay Arsenal, Parkville, Frog Hollow, Barry Square, South Green and Sheldon-Charter Oak.

The recent church tree plantings served as a core component of Hartford's citywide Arbor Day and Earth Month celebrations. These efforts are part of a broader, multi-year plan to expand the city's urban tree canopy and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Administered as part of a four-year urban forestry program, the initiative will enhance neighborhood green spaces. To date, Hartford property owners have successfully planted more than 250 trees citywide, contributing directly to the city's long-term environmental sustainability goals.

On April 25, the community of St. Justin-St. Michael Church, including parishioners and nearly 50 faith formation students, volunteered to plant trees on the church grounds. In addition to planting, participants learned about tree care, applied mulch and watered the new trees.

Father Mathieu Isaac, pastor of St. Michael-St. Justin Parish, cherishes the trees for their deeper significance, viewing them as a meaningful connection to his mother and father.

"My parents were farmers," he says. "I grew up in a rural region where trees of different varieties, such as mango trees, avocado trees and many others formed my natural environment. It therefore seemed entirely natural for me to adapt to a setting where the surrounding vegetation helps reveal the beauty of the place. That is why I volunteered to adopt some trees in our church garden."

As an extension of the Capital Forest Stewardship Initiative, Trees for Hartford benefits from an estimated

\$6 million investment provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Urban and Community Forestry Program. The program targets the planting of 1,225 free trees across public and private Hartford spaces, supported by ongoing community education and tree maintenance.

During the summer, parish youth are tasked with tree irrigation several times a week.

"These trees will provide a conducive setting for people going through stressful times, allowing them to come and meditate, pray or take a walk in a peaceful space, amidst the restorative atmosphere offered by the St. Justin-St. Michael site," Father Isaac says.



In April, hardworking volunteers of St. Justin-St. Michael Parish helped add new greenery to the church and rectory grounds. They pause for a photo after doing their work.



## 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 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.OLGAderby.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



**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 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.

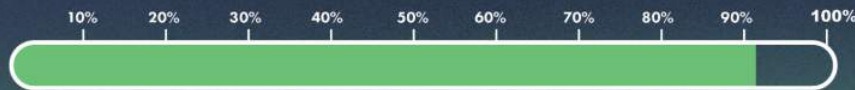


**JULY 18 @ 5PM \$20**  
**ST. MARTIN OF TOURS FAMOUS BBQ**  
 St. Joseph Church Grounds, Canaan

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.

## 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



Total Goal: \$10M 92.74% as of 6/23/26

\$9,274,289.50 in pledges from 25,599 generous donors

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



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